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Stricken Pocket Battleship Must Quit Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO RUMOUR OF NAZI CONCENTRATION

North Sea Air Battle Details

R.A.F. CRACKED UP FOUR NAZI PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Germans now claim that in Thursday's dog-fight over the North Sea 20 British planes took part and of these, ten were shot down.

One German report puts the German losses at one. In actual fact, of course, the number of British bombers in battle was 12, of which three failed to return.

PERILS OF THE SEA

EIGHT SHIPS ARE SUNK

British, Belgian, Greek And Nazi

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The London tanker, San Alberto, 4,400 tons, has been damaged by enemy action off the south-west coast of England. One man is missing.

4,000 Tonnage Goes Down

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The British liner, Stanwood, 4,000 tons, was sunk in Falmouth Harbour with the loss of one life.

She sank while attempts were being made to put out a fire which had started in her cargo.

One Killed, Two Injured

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Belgian steamer, Rosa, 1,100 tons, has been sunk by an explosion off the north-east coast.

One man was killed and two injured.

The rest of her crew of 15 have been landed safely.

Trawler Mined

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué, issued at 7.50 p.m., announces that H.M. trawler, James Ludford, was mined and sunk with the loss of two officers and 15 ratings.

Trawler Casualties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—The British Admiralty has announced that Lieutenant Commander H. R. Lewis and Chief Engineer D. McArthur are missing and are believed to have been drowned in connection with the sinking of the trawler Ludford.

Three Others Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns authoritatively that two British and one Greek steamers

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TORPEDOED CRUISER

Nazi Convoy For Stricken Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—It has been disclosed that Nazi warships are conveying a torpedoed German cruiser to German waters.

An official announcement said that R.A.F. planes, which last night were engaged in battle with German warplanes, attacked a naval squadron, were searching for a damaged German cruiser which sent out an S.O.S. signal after being struck by a torpedo from the British submarine which had previously sighted the Bremen.

It added that the aerial battle resulted after the R.A.F. planes spotted the cruiser limping home and attacked it.

It has also been officially announced that the R.A.F. last night and to-day bombed the German seaplane base and the battle of the Heligoland Bight in connection with "a security patrol" against minelaying seaplanes.

RIOTING IN BELGRADE

Reds Inspired By "Certain Country"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Dec. 15 (Domei).—Several thousand Communists including students and workers, staged a violent demonstration in the city on Thursday.

Evincing increasing excitement, the demonstrators finally clashed with police, causing nine casualties on the side of the rioters and several wounded among the police.

The Government is seriously concerned over the riot which apparently has been engineered by the agents of "certain country."

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 15 (UP).—UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM NAZI SOURCES IN MONTEVIDEO STATE THAT GERMANY IS ASSEMBLING WARSHIPS AND SUBMARINES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE IN HER ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN FREEDOM.

Montevideo is considerably excited at the rumours, which presage another naval battle.

It is not stated what warships Germany could concentrate. It is not believed that her two battleships are at large. One—the Gneisenau—is reported to be out of action as a result of the first R.A.F. raid on Wilhelmshaven.

PRESS COMMENT

Doom Of Nazi Hopes

Pocket Battleships Not Invulnerable

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The American Press and public are full of the successful action of the British Navy against the Graf Spee.

The "New York Sun" says that as the result of this action, the naval experts who had thought that the Nazi pocket battleships were safe from all but a handful of Allied warships will now have to revise their opinions.

The noted commentator, Mr. Raymond Graham Swing, says that the Germans have lost far more than the British in relative power, and the battle showed that the British have skill, daring and the capacity for sacrifice.

Praise On All Sides

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Discussing the Von Spee action, the "Times" says that while the Royal Navy needs no spectacular action to show its worth, nothing is more satisfying than a sea battle which ends in a decisive defeat of the enemy.

A stern reminder of the horrors of war is given by the London "Evening News." It has always been the British way, says the paper, to be generous to a beaten foe, and there is no doubt that the men of the Graf Spee fought as well as circumstances allowed, but the crews of the five ships sunk in the Atlantic by the Graf Spee are missing.

Some of the men were almost certainly turned adrift in the wastes of the Atlantic with little or no chance of reaching land.

Pan-American Reaction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, revealed that the Uruguayan

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It is not believed that Germany's other battleship, the Scharnhorst, is at sea.

Germany's other two 'pocket battleships' are believed to be at sea. The Deutschland is thought to be in Arctic waters.

In addition to the 'pocket battleships', Germany has three 10,000-ton heavy cruisers and only six other light cruisers.

These are the only vessels capable of steaming across the Atlantic to give battle to the British warships, and they would be confronted now with an overwhelming superiority of British armament. Substantial reinforcements are believed to have arrived off Montevideo in the last 24 hours.

Must Leave

The Admiral Graf Spee must leave Uruguayan waters before Monday or suffer internment for the rest of the war.

This decision has been officially announced by the Uruguayan Government, which has informed the Nazi commander that he must leave Montevideo within 72 hours.

Preparations for the repair of the pocket battleship have begun, indicating that she intends to make a dash for the sea instead of submitting to dismantlement and the internment of her crew.

Sailors are undertaking the work themselves, due to the refusal of Uruguayan workers to help the Nazis.

The sailors to-day hauled large steel plates aboard the ship for repair purposes.

The decision not to permit the pocket battleship to remain more than 72 hours was officially announced after a meeting of the Uruguayan Cabinet.

The Cabinet decided that the German ship, although damaged, must leave.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING

Government Appoints Commission

With the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, as Chairman, the committee which will consider the question of daylight saving in the Colony has now been named by the Governor.

The remaining members are—Messrs. D. Kelvin-Stark, C. W. Jeffries, (Director of the Royal Observatory), Chai Tsun-nin, M. F. Key, J. Finnie, Tso Hoi-yu, and R. A. Cambridge.

The committee is required to report on the advisability of adopting an official time for the Colony one hour or part of one hour in advance of the time of the 120th meridian East of Greenwich for the whole or for part of the year.

It is also required to report on the advisability of limiting by statute the number of hours per day during which workers in shops and factories may be employed.

In its terms of reference the committee is required to have regard to the facts that—

- (1) the conservation of sterling exchange is very necessary to the successful prosecution of the war with Germany;
- (2) the coal used in the generation of the Colony's electric light supply is largely purchased from countries outside the sterling group;
- (3) the majority of the shops and many of the factories in Hongkong are open to a late hour of night.

Hongkong Man Fought Admiral Spee In 1914

TWENTY-FIVE years ago this month—on December 8, 1914, Admiral von Spee's squadron was defeated by the British Navy in the historic Battle of the Falkland Islands.

It is a coincidence that the Nazi pocket battleship named after the German Admiral should have been put to flight almost exactly a quarter of a century later.

Vivid memories of the historic Battle of the Falklands are recalled by a Hongkong resident, who was in the battle aboard the original H.M.S. Kent, former flagship of the China Station.

He is Mr. J. C. Fitz Henry, Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, at the age of 10, Mr. Fitz Henry was the youngest Briton to participate in the battle.

H.M.S. Kent, which sank the German cruiser "Nürnberg" and

Finns Pay Up War Debt

12 Other Nations Default To U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Finnish Minister to-day handed to Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, a cheque for \$234,000 as the regular half-yearly payment of Finland to the War Debt.

Mr. Morgenthau informed the Minister that in accordance with President Roosevelt's instructions the money would be placed in a separate account pending a recommendation to Congress that it should be used for the benefit of the Finnish people.

The Minister asked Mr. Morgenthau to convey Finland's "deep-felt gratitude to the President and people of the United States."

Twelve other debtor nations have conveyed regrets to Mr. Morgenthau at being unable to make payments.

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NAZI FREIGHTER HAD SHORT LIFE AT SEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VALPARAISO, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is officially announced that two British warships sank the German freighter Dusseldorf (4,939 tons) off the Chilean coast at 5 a.m. to-day.

The crew are reported to have been saved by a Chilean destroyer which was sent to investigate.

The Dusseldorf slipped out of Valparaiso harbour en route for Hamburg on Wednesday.

FINNS SEEK ARMISTICE WITH REDS

HELSENGFORS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Speaking Russian over the Finnish radio, M. Tanner, the Foreign Minister, told M. Molotoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, that Finland was prepared to continue negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the Russo-Finnish dispute.

He asked M. Molotoff to broadcast a reply whether he was prepared to resume negotiations.

M. Tanner added that if no answer came or if the answer was in the negative, the world would know what value to set on Russian principles and promises.

M. Tanner recalled that during the Russo-Finnish negotiations M. Molotoff stated that the sole purpose of the Soviet's territorial demands was to secure the Soviet, particularly Leningrad, against the eventual attacks of a Third Power.

M. Tanner asked: "Was this M. Molotoff's true purpose?"

If so, then the concessions made by Finland were in their opinion sufficient for the purpose.

The Finns also notified the Soviet of their readiness to consider even greater concessions.

Czarist Frontiers

M. Tanner adds: "Subsequent events were calculated to give the idea that Russia all along had pursued aims of a more far-reaching character, which seem to be a keen desire to gain possession of the whole of Finland and to restore the frontiers of Czarist Russia."

"If this is the Soviet aim, they can be sure that Finland will defend herself to the last."

"The Finnish people are not minded to lose their independence, liberty or be brought to submit to an alien yoke."

War Supplies For Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned that what ever Britain can spare from her own war essentials, Finland is purchasing.

Some warlike stores have already left England, going via Norway and Sweden for safe passage.

Finland Pays

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—Despite the war, Finland paid her regular semi-annual war debt instalment of \$234,000 to-day.

The payments of 12 other debtors are due but, as usual, they did not pay.

The Finnish Minister, M. Procope, presented the cheque to Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, which left Finland still owing \$8,142,000.

Mr. Morgenthau said he accepted the payment with gratitude and noted that Finland, "during her dark days as well as her fair days never failed to honour her obligations."

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is announced that the famous columnist of the "New York Post," Mr. Heywood Brown, is "very seriously ill." His wife is at his bedside in a New York Hospital.

REDS ON NORWAY'S BORDER

Defenders Set Torch To Lost Towns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Dec. 15 (Domei).—Information from Soviet agents that Soviet troops on the northern front have occupied Salmak, noted for its nickel mines.

They have thus at last reached the border of Norway.

Finnish troops set fire to the town and it has been reduced to ashes.

Determined to push the campaign of resistance to the bitter end, the

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LATEST

H.K. COMPANY AS "WAR BABY"

Phenomenal Rise In I.C.S.N.C. Shares

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—A solitary "war baby" has been discovered on the London Stock Market—deferred shares in the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company.

This company has emerged from comparative obscurity to dazzle London speculators during the past week.

Since the start of the war deferred shares have advanced from 30s to 45s.

This meteoric rise is startling in view of the fact that the company's fleet ranks 17th among Britain's merchant fleets and that it consists of small ships of 2,000 to 3,000 tons plying along the China Coast.

The British market hears that the earnings of this "war baby" are phenomenal and sufficient to reduce arrears and bring dividends nearer.

The Company, which is domiciled in Hongkong, escaped Britain's Excess Profits taxation.

"There are no sellers for Indo-China deferred shares on the Hongkong Stock Exchange. Buyers are at 50. The deferred shares are paid to £5, and last paid a dividend of 30s. in 1931. During 1939 they fell to 24s.

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U.S. NAVY MAY HAVE BIG AERIAL PATROL

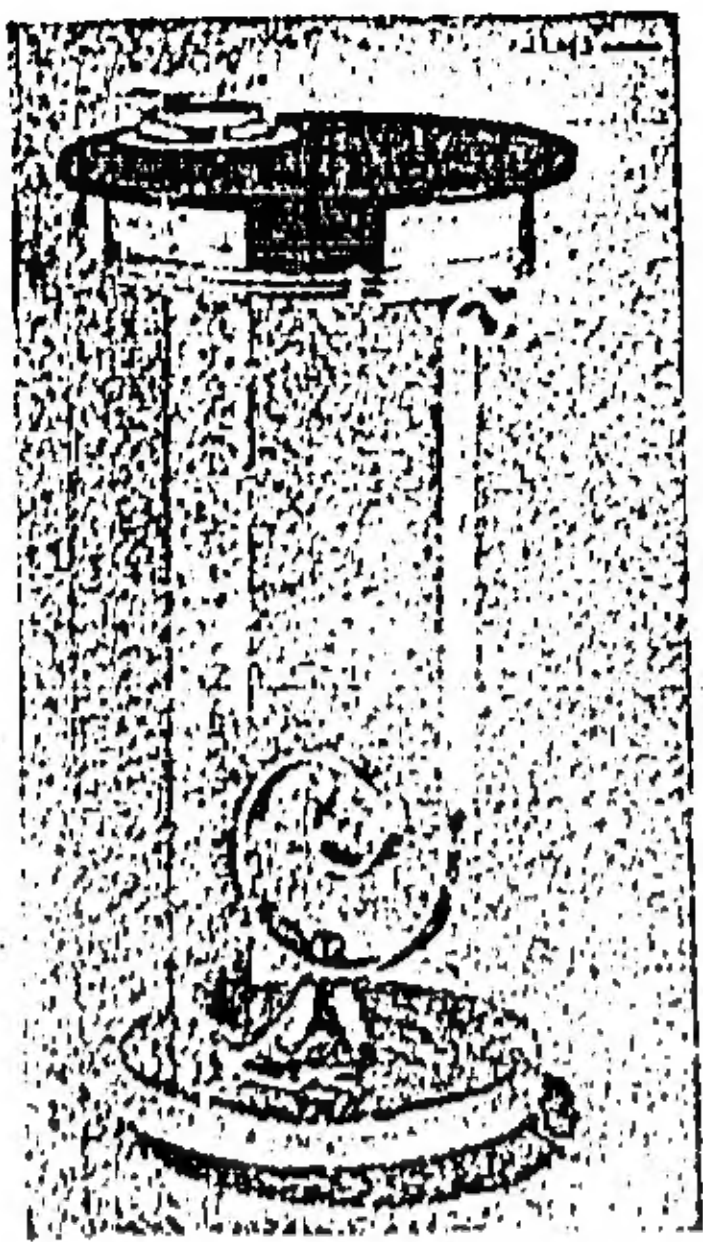
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Navy Department has asked Congress to authorize the purchase of 518 new planes, costing \$28,500,000, in order to augment the neutrality patrol.

Congress had previously authorised the Navy to buy 500 planes during the current fiscal year in this connection, and planned a grand total of 3,000 planes by 1944.

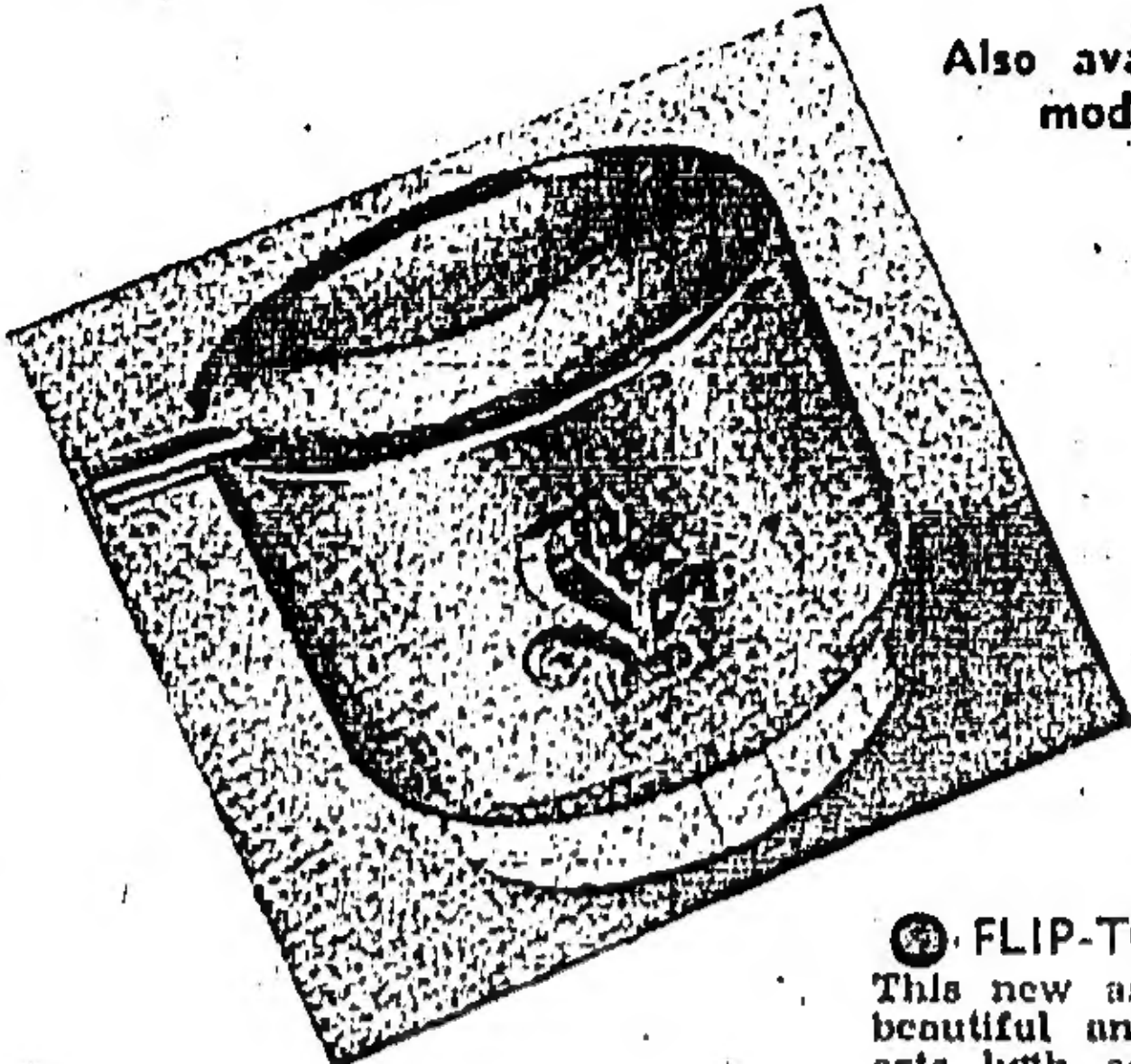
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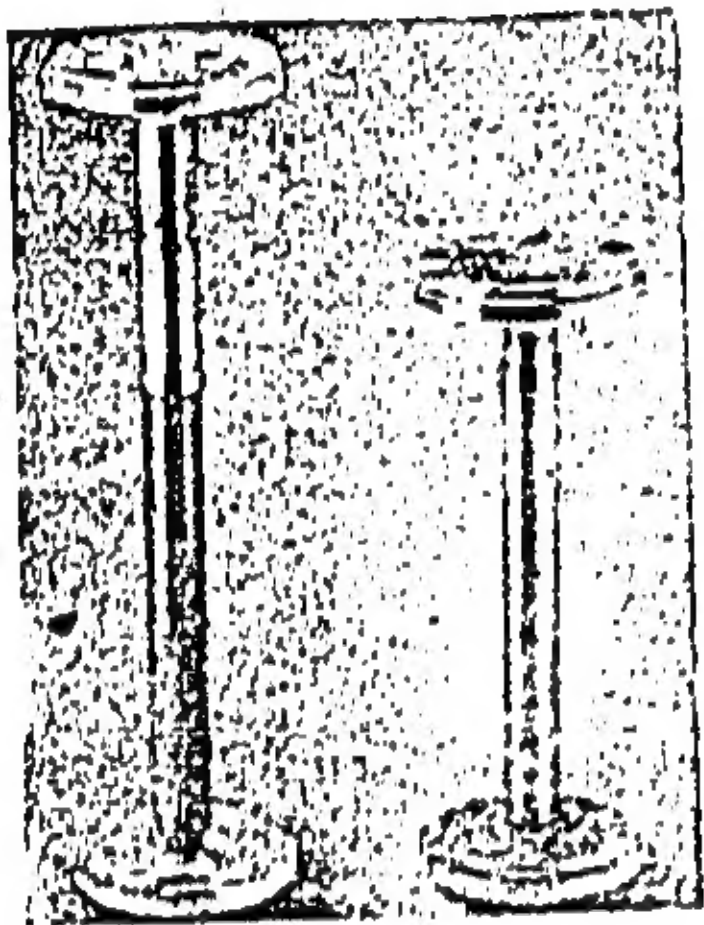


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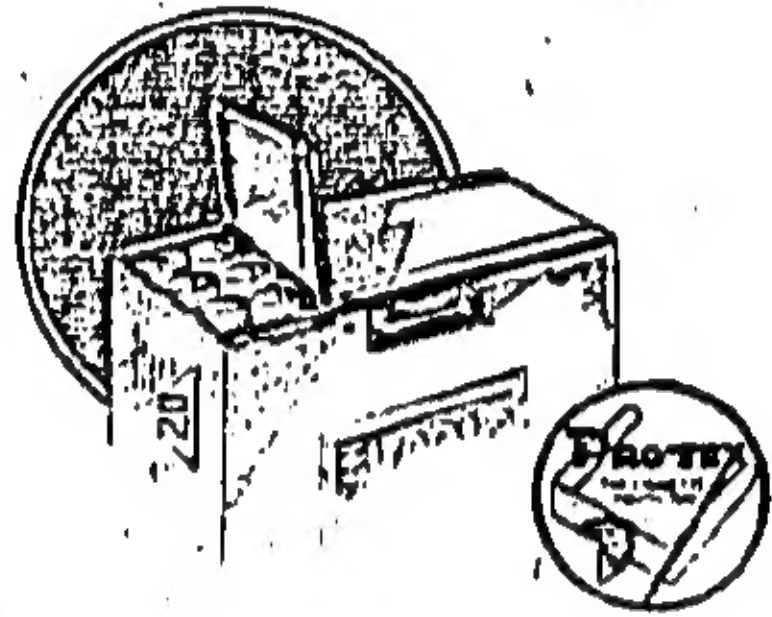
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B.E.F. IN ALL-DAY ACTION It Was Test

By PAUL BEWSHER
Daily Mail Special Correspondent with the B.E.F.

FRANCE, Nov. 29.
COLOURED balls of fire to-night streaked up through the darkness from a section of the British front line where steel-helmeted soldiers were manning the trenches and blockhouses at full strength.

Leaping to their guns in answer to the S.O.S. of the Vercy lights, artillery-men a mile or so back snapped open the breeches, ready to fire an intensive barrage against the enemy. As the green lights soared through the night, their flickering light shone upon stretcher-bearers trudging through deep mud, bearing the forms of motionless men.

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This exercise has lasted for 24 hours. During all this time signal-lers, gunners, infantrymen, medical services, field kitchens, have worked exactly as if the enemy had launched a severe offensive.

A visit to the front area to-night was an extraordinary experience. Everywhere in the darkness was subdued, but intense activity.

Outside a farmhouse just behind the front was a dim group of soldiers. Up the road came the sound of footsteps, and suddenly two men appeared out of the gloom supporting a third between them.

"Casualty," cried one of the men. "In here—quick!" came the answer.

FIRST-AID POST

The three men passed into the farmhouse. I followed them, and found the front parlour had been turned into a first-aid post.

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German Plan for Next Government

RUMBLES OF REVOLUTION GROW LOUDER & LOUDER

MADAME TABOUI, FAMOUS DIPLOMATIC COMMENTATOR TO-DAY REVEALS THE GROWING PUBLIC DISCONTENT IN NAZI GERMANY.

HITLER FEARS CIVIL WAR FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF A SECRET ORGANISATION TO SET UP A FREE GOVERNMENT.

HE HAS ORDERED THE GESTAPO TO TAKE EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST REVOLUTION.

By MADAME TABOUI

ONE of the reasons why Hitler has decided to broaden his offensive on the Western Front is undoubtedly the poor morale in Germany.

Fully aware of what is going on in the Reich, the Fuhrer daily takes new measures in view of a Civil War.

On Wednesday last he ordered Heydrich—Hitler's right-hand man—to choose emplacements in all German cities for machine-guns. As a further precaution he ordered the mining of bridges and electricity and telegraph centres.

In the last war four years passed before the Allies had proof of the existence of a secret movement against the autocratic regime in Germany, but in this war we already know of organised opposition to Hitler's tyranny.

City Committees

In a big city in Southern Germany important persons of sharply contrasting political opinions have agreed to set up in each German city a committee of a new party, "League to Fight for a Free Germany." There exist in dozens of German cities meeting places where delegates of the League discuss the furtherance of its aims. The founders of the League seek to rally to their support all opponents of Nazi dictatorship and all others disappointed in its achievements.

United Opposition

Their programme sets forth, in nine points, the immediate aims of the revolutionary movement against Hitler. The aims are:
1: All efforts must centre in the overthrow of the Hitler regime and the destruction of Nazi totalitarianism in all its forms.
2: When this is attained a Provisional Government is to be formed from representatives of all classes of society and the Army.
3: The Provisional Government is to start negotiations at once with a view to establishing peace. It would undertake the evacuation of

Fish Scarcity Ends

SCARCITY of fish—caused by distribution difficulties—has ended. A new system of providing retailers with stocks has come into operation. It means equitable treatment for all dealers and consumers. Its introduction follows a meeting of trade representatives at Oxford. The Ministry of Information stated that control of fish distribution has been drastically revised. Prices will be kept as low as possible. Widespread complaint of salesmen who have been unable to get supplies has made it obvious to the Government that the system must be overhauled.

Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, and Austria, and propose progressive simultaneous disarmament of all nations, the convocation of a world conference to settle international, economic, and commercial relations and the distribution of raw materials.

Economic Freedom

- While safeguarding the principle of private property the Provisional Government would control Germany's national wealth, real estate, industrial enterprises and all other means of production in order to replace war economy by peace economy, founded on a healthy, prosperous basis. In the economic sphere a European Union in the framework of unfettered world trade would be envisaged.
- The Provisional Government's first task would be the restoration of the freedom of speech and of the Press, the right to hold meetings and abolition of censorship, but such privileges would not be extended to those who openly or otherwise approved of the dictatorship.
- A special tribunal would be set up for the trial of assassinations, acts of terrorism and corruption committed by Nazi leaders.

Free Elections

- In the shortest delay possible after the annihilation of the Nazis and after the establishment of peace economy, the Provisional Government is to hold elections to a National Assembly on the basis of universal suffrage. The number of parties would be limited. Parties aiming openly or secretly at dictatorship would not be allowed to contest elections.
- The National Assembly so elected is to choose a President of the Republic and the first regular Government and would elaborate the new constitution and principles of administration of the countries forming the Reich Federation.
- The New Germany would be based on the following four principles: Political liberty, individual security, social progress, and external peace.

Only Symptom — But

This programme is initiated by a civil engineer, a tradesman, a metallurgical worker, an aeroplane builder, a woman textile worker, a writer, an infantry lieutenant, and a lance-corporal. Obviously this movement must be regarded at present as only a symptom of the great latent trouble in Germany. But it is a very encouraging symptom for France and Britain, especially at a time when they have just scored a very great diplomatic success at Ankara, the benefits of which are incalculable.

RECITAL OF CAROLS

Chinese Churches to Give Concert on Monday

Under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. a recital of Christmas Carols will be held on Monday at 7.30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Glenelg. Rev. Lau Yuet-sing, Chairman of the Chinese Churches Union, will preside.

The recital, with Dr. Yung Kai-tung as conductor and Miss Yung Mo-wan and Mr. Au Wai-man as accompanists, will be given by the Union of Chinese choirs. Among those taking part are the choirs of Basel Mission, Hop Yai, Christ Church, True Light Girls' School,

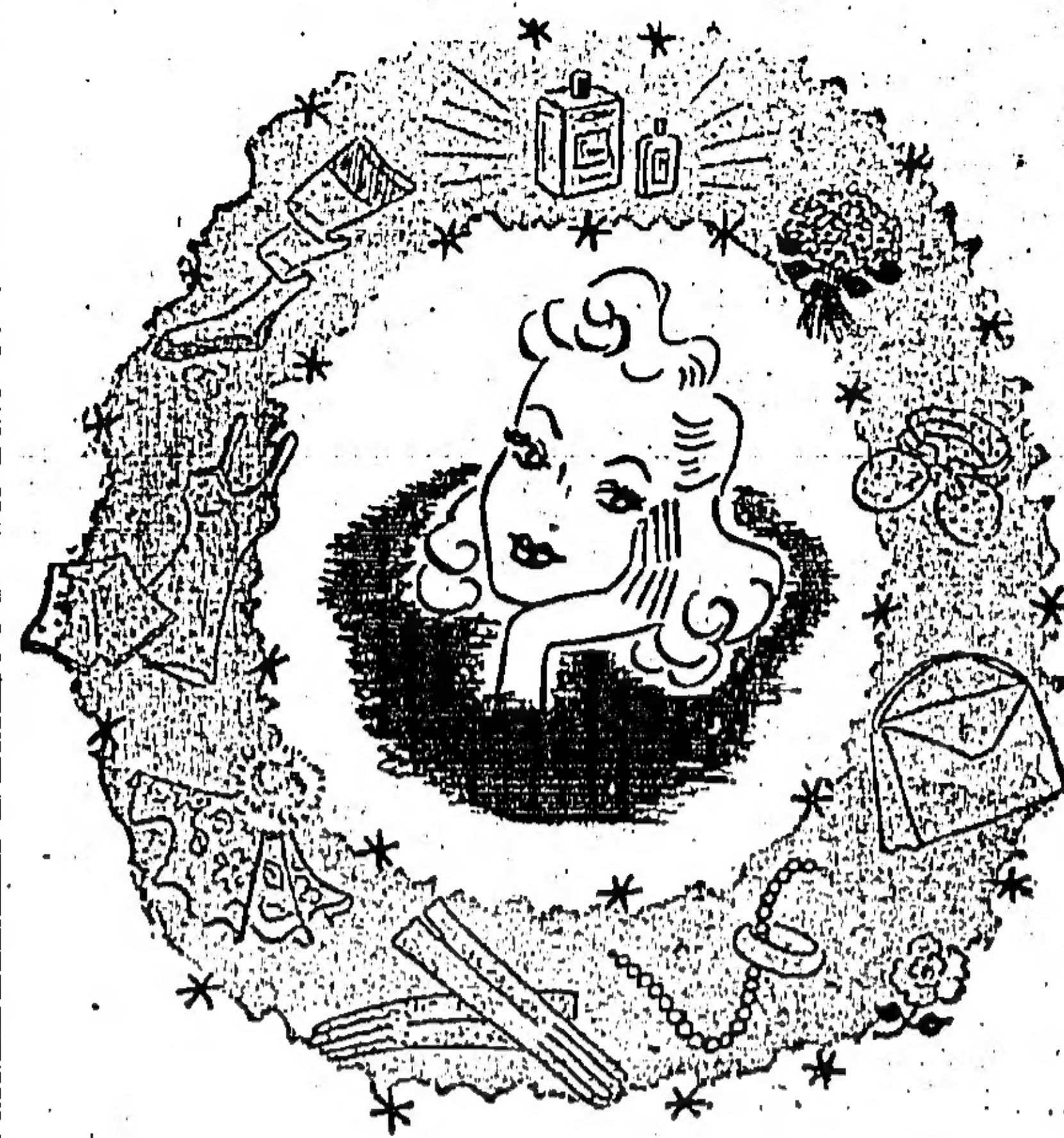
Real Old Soldiers

Hans Poulsen, a Dane aged 102, recently attended the funeral at Toxander, South Jutland, of Mathias Soerensen, aged 101, at whose side (says the B.U.P.) he fought during the war of 1864.

Baptist Church, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Chinese Choral Society, Chiu-chow Christian Association, St. Mary's, St. Paul's Girls' College, Holy Trinity, Church of Christ, Methodist Church, Wanchai Church, and Sun Oi Church.

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EIGHT SHIPS ARE SUNK

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were sunk within territorial waters off the Norwegian coast last week.

The British ships were the steamers Deptford and Thomas Walton, and the Greek vessel was the steamer Paros.

Nazi Ship Scuttled

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the German vessel, Adolf Leonhardt, 2,939 tons, when intercepted by a British warship, scuttled herself.

The crew, numbering 25, were landed and transferred to the South African authorities.

Hit Mine Near Scotland

OSLO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The owners of the Norwegian steamer Forina, 1,674 tons, have been notified by the British Admiralty that the ship was sunk as the result of striking a mine off the east coast of Scotland. She had a crew of 18.

A life-boat with the bodies of two men was found.

Tanker Badly Damaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The British tanker, Atel Templar, was seriously damaged by enemy action off the east coast.

The crew are believed to have been taken aboard another vessel.

The tanker was towed by tugs into a north-east coast port to-night.

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DOOM OF NAZI HOPES

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Government is assembling the facts regarding the Graf Spee battle for transmission to the President of Panama who has been acting as liaison between the American republic since the Pan-American Conference in October.

It is thought that this implies that Pan-American consultations have begun with a view to common action as a result of the battle having taken place within the neutrality belt established by the Conference.

Mr. Hull said that the report would indicate an occasion for collaboration and conference as provided in the Conference Neutrality Zone resolution.

Mr. Hull emphasised that the United States Government would undertake in all circumstances to meet other nations half way.

Lieut. F. W. T. Ross has been allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, with effect from December 5.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the optional of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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MONTEVIDEO RUMOUR OF NAZI CONCENTRATION

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could be rendered seaworthy within 72 hours.

No immediate Nazi comment is available. Diplomats draw attention to the fact that Germany is bound by International Law to abide by Uruguay's decision.

Can Still Be Navigated

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee is such that she can still be navigated, reports from Montevideo state. Photographs sent by wireless have been received in London and they show the actual damage done. Naval experts who examined them say that the Nazi pocket battleship's 11-inch guns are out of action.

The ship itself, however, can still put to sea.

Still Undecided

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Most of the crews of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee were placed aboard an unarmed ship which is still at large.

A wreath at the funeral of the Graf Spee dead included one inscribed "To the memory of the brave men of the sea from their comrades of the British Merchant Service."

Achilles Casualties

LONDON, December 15 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that two seamen and two telegraphists were killed aboard H.M.S. Achilles. Three ratings were injured.

"Casualties aboard the other ships engaged will be issued as soon as they are received," the announcement said.

Rescued Crew Aboard Von Spee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The owners of the Talara have received a message from their Montevideo agents stating that seven of the crew of the Talara were aboard the Graf Spee.

The message added that the master and remainder of the crew were taken on board an enemy auxiliary.

German Version Of Von Spee's Condition

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A description of the entry of the Graf Spee into Montevideo harbour was given by the German radio.

The announcer claimed that the warship is needing "only minor repairs."

She is moored about 200 yards from the landing jetty, the announcer said, and the members of the crew can be seen in their shirts, either cleaning the deck or traces of the fight, or sun-bathing.

Burying The Dead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (UP).—Before the decision was reached a high official of the Uruguayan Government told "United Press" that Uruguay, in deciding the status of the Graf Spee, considered that Uruguay was bound by her neutrality declaration of September 5, based on the Hague Convention clause relating to belligerents using neutral harbours.

Earlier, the bodies of the crew of the German side amidships, ceremoniously to the North Cemetery.

Throughout the night a Guard of Honour aboard the ship stood by the pine coffins draped with Swastika flags.

A total of 21 wreaths on the dock side included one inscribed in English: "To the Memory of the brave men of the sea from their comrades, the British Merchant Service."

A German band played the German National Anthem and the Nazi Anthem. Fourteen bus loads of the Graf Spee's crew accompanied the bodies to the cemetery.

Ten black-shirted Fascists from the Italian steamship Neptunia marched in the cortege and saluted the graves while a detail of 70 Uruguayan Maritime Police fired a single volley in honour of the gallant dead.

Exeter Limp Away

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The cruiser Exeter is now steaming

HONGKONG MAN FOUGHT ADMIRAL SPEE IN 1914

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ships Invincible, Indefatigable, Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon and Bristol under Admiral Sturdee were off the coast of Brazil.

They met the cruiser Glasgow, which had escaped from Coronel, off Montevideo.

Germans Appear

"We arrived on December 7, 1914 at the Falklands and were coaling at Port Stanley with the Kent as flagship."

Also at the Falklands was the old battleship Canopus, which had been unable to meet the Stord Hope and Monmouth in time. On December 8 the Germans appeared in sight on the horizon with the Scharnhorst leading, followed by the Gneisenau flying large German ensigns at the mast-head.

The commenced firing at the wireless station and the masts of the Canopus in the inner harbour and also exchanged lighter shots with the Kent.

The rest of the ships could not be seen by the Germans, but warning was sent to Stord Hope and in 30 minutes all colliers were thrown off," said Mr. Fitz Henry.

Changed Underclothes

"Before going into action all hands were ordered to change into clean underclothes and uniform in accordance with tradition."

The action on the quarter deck from our commander, Capt. J. D. Allen, who we nicknamed Sinker Allen, as he always concluded "and when we find her we shall sink her."

The Invincible came out, followed by the remaining ships and immediately the Germans saw that they had been trapped.

"The whole squadron turned tail and endeavored to escape. A long chase took place with the Germans piling on all speed."

Our ship, the Kent, being the only one not coated, had only 250 tons of coal left and so to maintain our speed, which reached 24 knots—three knots more than she was built for—all hands were ordered to assemble and break up woodwork for fuel. The decks were torn up with crowbars; boats, planes and mess tables were broken and thrown down to the stokehold," he said.

In the meantime the Kent's fighting flag, a tremendous silk one made by the Ladies section of the Men of Kent and Kentish Men, was hoisted to the masthead.

First Shots Exchanged

"The first shots were exchanged shortly after 1 p.m., when the Invincible exchanged lighter shots with the Scharnhorst."

"By this time the British ships were overtaking the Germans."

"Shortly after 2 p.m. the general action started between the Invincible and Indefatigable with their 12-inch guns and the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau with 24-inch guns."

"The light forces Kent, Glasgow and Cornwall continued after the Nurnburg, Leipzig and Dresden."

"At 4 p.m. Scharnhorst, holder of the Kaiser's cup for gunnery, was seen in a sinking condition. Finally the Kent was in a single ship action with the Nurnburg."

"The Kent was being hit before our shots became effective and early in the action we lost the upper part of our forecastle. Very shortly afterwards we were struck by shells on the forecastle and amidships."

"These hits blew up our gun crew in the lower casemate. As they died they dropped their flaming cartridge charges down the magazine holts. On seeing them fall other men dashed out and closed the watertight doors and flooded the compartment. Otherwise we might have been blown up."

Mass Of Flames

"At this time the Kent was in away from the scene of the Graf Spee battle, according to the British Naval Attache."

An unconfirmed Montevideo report states that she is proceeding in a southerly direction at slow speed with wounded on board.

It is stated that some of her gun compartments are flooded.

It is believed that she has sought permission to land some of the most seriously wounded at an Argentine port.

REDS ON NORWAY'S BORDER

(Continued from Page 1.)

Finnish Government to-day has called all remaining reserves to the colours.

Soviet Advance Delayed

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Although the Soviets claim to have continued their advance across the narrowest part of Finland, the outcome is by no means settled yet.

They are still being stubbornly contested, and one town alone has changed hands several times during the past few days.

In the far north, Soviet troops are advancing southwards slowly.

The nickel-mining town which was set afire by the retreating Finns is still burning.

Finnish Troops Cut Off

A force of 2,000 Finnish troops has been cut off in the area, but because of their knowledge of this difficult country, it is thought that they will be able to hold out for some time.

In the south on the Karelian Isthmus, experienced war correspondents report that the Soviets have by no means penetrated the Mannerheim Line.

Heavy Red Losses

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the enemy attacks on December 14 in several places in the Karelian Isthmus were everywhere repulsed with heavy enemy losses. Several tanks were destroyed.

On the eastern frontier, the attack between Lomala and Lake Ladoga was beaten off. Five tanks were captured.

In the Toljanevri sector, the Russians are retreating in disorder with the Finns pursuing.

After five days of stubborn fighting, the Finnish troops have cut the road from Suomussalmi Church to the frontier and have recaptured Suomussalmi village.

The Russians are being pushed towards the Lake.

Elsewhere the situation is unchanged.

A Russian destroyer was damaged and believed sunk by the coastal battery at Turku Archipelago.

Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on a few localities south-west of the Finnish Archipelago and the Petsamo district, but did no damage.

Finnish aircraft made numerous reconnaissance and set fire to a column of fuel lorries.

Russians Routed, Claim

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Unconfirmed reports tell of the routing of the Russians north of Lake Ladoga.

Returning Russians, Finnish reports state, are now being driven along roads on which they will be met by Finnish reinforcements marching southward.

A satisfactory range and soon the Nurnburg was a mass of flames from bow to almost her masthead. The crew, however, continued to fight with only two guns. At last, realising her position, she hauled down her flag upon which the Kent closed and made a signal in the international Code that if the men jumped into the sea they would be safer.

"At about a distance of 440 yards the Germans rehoisted their flag and opened fire at point blank range, but missed."

"We repelled with two salvoes which swept the 100 men off her stern and the remaining gun into the sea. The ship turned turtle and sank. We hauled 15 men aboard with ropes. Some of them commenced to fight with their fists."

As this action demolished the Kent's wireless transmitting set, she was reported lost. The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sunk, but the Dresden escaped.

Hoisted White Flag

By cleverly intercepting the German code the Kent contacted the Dresden at the original Robinson Crusoe Island of Juan Fernandez.

"Running into harbour the Dresden dropped anchor and hoisted the white flag, the only time it was hoisted in the War. On being asked to surrender the Germans opened the sea cocks and the ship sank upright. British naval doctors attended to the German wounded ashore."

This action ended the former German China Squadron, in which the Germans lost 6,000 men, including those on the transports. The British lost only nine men.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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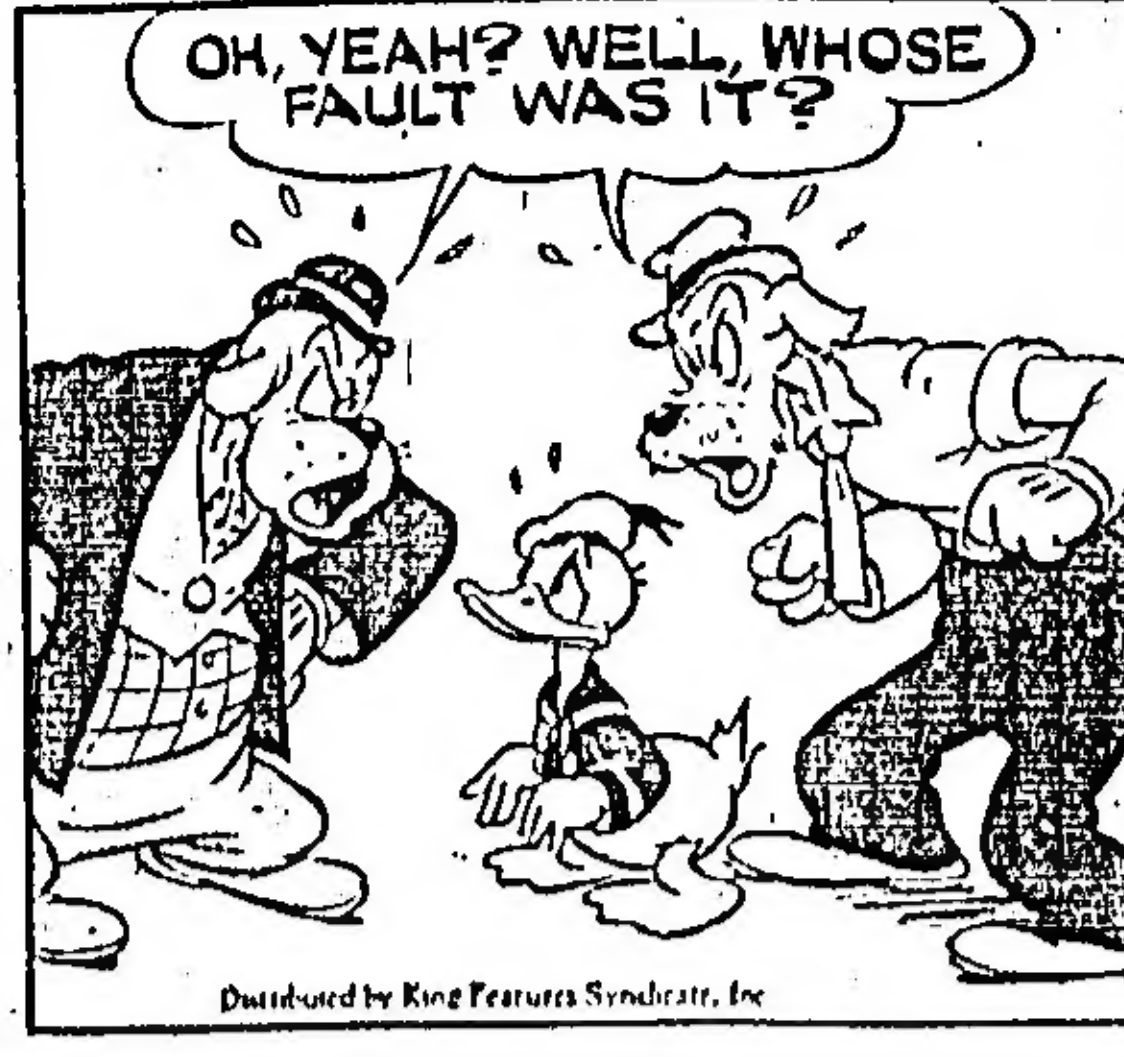
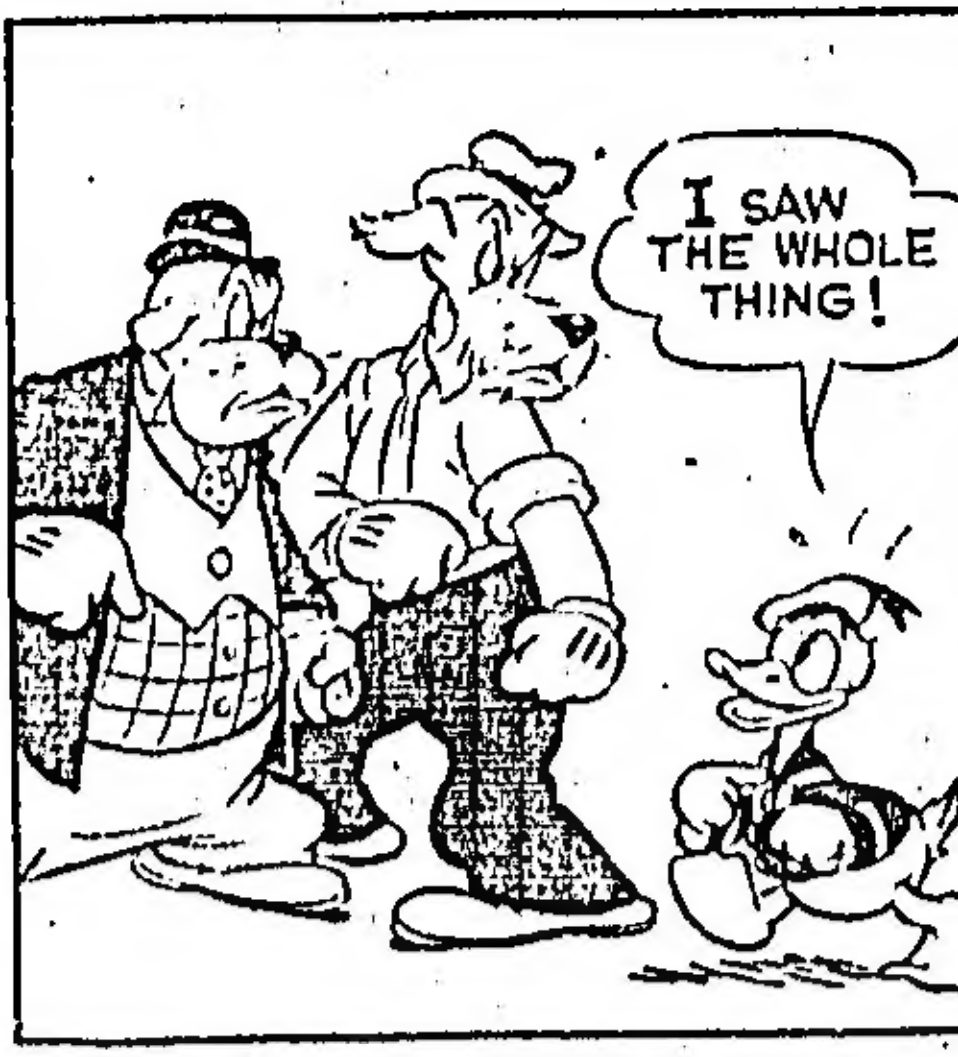
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ON the corner of a street in Berlin stood an elderly grey-haired woman. Her eyes were red with tears.

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It bore the words: "Fallen on the Field of Honour."

This is the story told by a Danish Journalist in a report received in Copenhagen.

"She sobbed out that she was a widow and they had had such happy times together," he added.

ALONE

"She was not allowed to wear any mourning for him, nor tell anyone of his death, so that she could get no comfort from anyone."

"This appears to me to be one of the biggest cruelties of the war—that the poor mother could share her grief with no one."

The writer adds that the German people "are in a trance."

"A lot must happen before they awake and realise that the war is now really beginning. It will be a terrible awakening, to such an extent are they taken in by the propaganda that there will be no war."

Nazi Chief Quietens Prague With Massacre Of Patriots
CZECHS STRIPPED AND SHOT:X-Ray Was
Used In Boer
War Hospital

THE first X-ray apparatus to be used in a field military hospital now rests in Oxford Museum of the History of Science.

Dr. R. T. Gunther, the curator, looks on this addition to his treasures as one of outstanding importance.

First used in the South African War, the apparatus, crude though it now seems, did much useful work.

It was only a few years before that war that Röntgen announced his discovery of the X-ray, and in 1898 an undergraduate at Magdalen, who became Captain E. G. Spencer Churchill, acquired an X-ray tube and screen with which he used to enter-

tain friends by showing them the bones in their hands.

Captain Spencer Churchill took his apparatus with him when he went on active service in South Africa in 1900.

The Silent
Soldier

ALEXANDER Zourensky, who lives at Stonyburn, West Lothian, presented officials with a problem when he reported for military service recently.

To all questions and orders he returned a strong silence. Then someone looked at the name, and guessed. He could not speak English.

Zourensky, who was born in Stonyburn, of Lithuanian parents in 1917, was taken to Lithuania when six weeks old. He returned just before the outbreak of war, accompanied by his 20-years-old bride.

His friends by showing them the bones in their hands.

Captain Spencer Churchill took his apparatus with him when he went on active service in South Africa in 1900.

By SYDNEY MORREL.
Daily Express Staff Reporter

BUDAPEST, Nov. 25.

FIRST details reached Budapest to-night of the Nazi massacre among the Czechs last week-end.

It began after a peaceful demonstration in honour of one of their fellow students who was arrested on Independence Day on October 28, and "died suddenly" in prison after torture by the Gestapo, who tried to extract from him the names of those who had organised the Independence Day demonstration.

His parents were ordered to fetch the urn containing his ashes. All students who took part in the demonstration were arrested at 2 a.m. last Friday. Gestapo squads raided the students' homes; pulled them in their pyjamas from their beds, wrecked the homes, tore up the books and bedding.

In Prague alone 3,000 Czech patriots were arrested. Twenty-nine were taken out that night, compelled to strip naked, stood up against a wall and shot.

They included some of the leading members of the university: Drs. Matusek, J. Klima, Adamec, H. Koula, Skorovsky, Safarek.

The man responsible for the massacre was Karl Hermann Frank, the secret police chief in Bohemia and Moravia.

HITLER'S FURY

In the Czech crisis last year Frank masqueraded as a moderate pleading for Sudeten German autonomy. Now as one of the clique of extremists round Hitler, well-informed Czechs say that he has made up his mind to close the Czech schools and the students' homes in Prague in a drive to Germanise the Czechs under his rule.

He picked the Czech Independence Day as his chance to strike. His version of the demonstrations was so exaggerated that it drove Hitler into a fury.

Hitler is said to have summoned Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Czech representative in Berlin, and shouted: "If one more demonstration like this takes place, I shall have all the Germans evacuated from Prague and I shall destroy the whole town with bombs."

Chvalkovsky immediately got into touch with Czech President Hacha, to whom Hitler made a similar threat last March before Hacha would agree to the German invasion of Czechoslovakia.

LAST THREAT

The Czech leaders believed that Hitler would not hesitate to carry out his threat. This led to Hacha's week-end appeal for order.

The last threat came early this week from Frank. He called all the Czech leaders to a conference and told them that if any strike occurred in any factory they would be shot.

S.S. guards had been ordered to pick out any strikers they saw and shoot them as an example to the others.

Outwardly the protectorate is now said to be quiet again, but the general feeling is explosive.

In Czech circles which have close connection to the Nazis it is stated that a large scale offensive against the Maginot Line is being prepared. Three million German troops have been concentrated on the Western Front and 5,000 airplanes will be used in the offensive it is added.

Gestapo agents in Austria are arresting thousands of "disloyal" Austrians as a result of their inquiries into the Munich bomb mystery.

FOOD QUEUES

A purge is said to be taking place of the Roman Catholic clergy. Besides Mgr. Weinbacher, private secretary of Cardinal Innitzer, four other members of his staff have been arrested and the home of the Jesuits in Graz, Styria, has been closed.

Queues of housewives in front of the foodshops in Vienna are getting longer every day. Thousands of Austrians are now frightened to ask for clothing ration cards as this means a search by the Gestapo the next day, to test whether they are really in need of clothes.

An Austrian officer who returned to Vienna from the Eastern Front said that behind the Austrian detachments which were sent to Poland were columns of S.S. guards armed with hand machine-guns.

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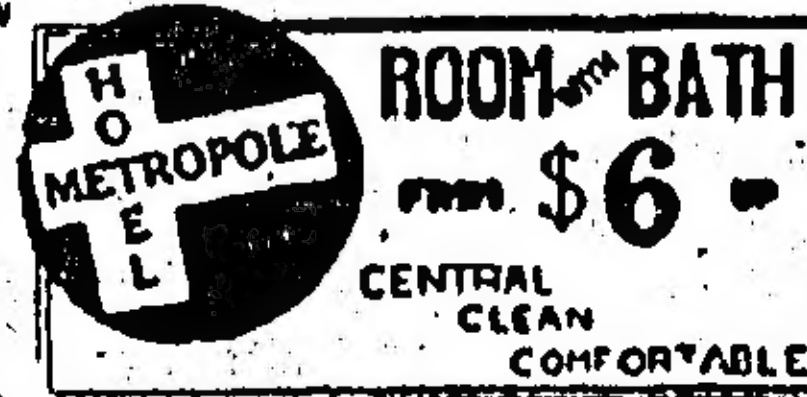
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By G. WARD PRICE,

"Sunday Dispatch" Special
Correspondent with the British
Army in France

THOUGH the art of cooking
has never reached a high level
in England, the Briton abroad
has shown strong appreciation
of its finer points.

Officers of the British Army in
France are no exception to this rule.
In the area at present occupied by
British troops there are at least two
restaurants whose reputation for ex-
cellent cooking has spread with
speed.

The difficulty of reaching them has
been increased, however, by a Gen-
eral Routine Order that forbids the
use of motor transport for any but
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The cheapness of these provincial
French restaurants is as praise-
worthy as their quality.

The proprietor of one restaurant
assured me that he worked on a pro-
fit basis of only 4 per cent.

The rank and file are also finding
their way among the eating houses in
the towns near the official billets.

Parties sent in on duty find special
placards displayed outside these
smaller restaurants advertising "ham
and eggs," "bacon and eggs," "fish
and chips," and even "Irish stew."

In one town near the front lines,
through which I passed, there
was a cafe, still open and doing good
business, which might have come
from the streets of London, offering
"hot dogs" for sale.

"DON'T WANT WAR"

U-Boat Officer's
Comment

"The German people do not want
war. I don't want it myself, but I
am only carrying out my duty."

This statement was made by a
German submarine officer after his
ship had torpedoed the British ship
Blairlogie on September 11, accord-
ing to Ronald Farrell, 10-years-old
cabin boy of the Blairlogie.

Farrell arrived at his home at
Hamilton from New York, where
with other survivors of the Blairlogie
he had been taken by the liner
American Shipper.

Farrell, who is a Glasgow Univer-
sity student, worked as cabin boy on
the Blairlogie during the summer
vacation.

After the ship was torpedoed, he
said, the submarine circled round the
two ship's boats.

"An officer, who looked like a chief
mate, asked us if we had any wound-
ed or sick on board our boat and if
we had food. He inquired from our
captain, Mr. D. McAlpine, whether
everything was all right, and stood
by until a boat was put into ship-
shape, as it had shipped some water.

"He gave us two stone bottles of
gin and a large carton of cigarettes.
I have a half-a-pack of—those
cigarettes still, and I'm keeping them
as a souvenir."



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin
No. 2 of the year 1938, the population of
the United States are being attacked by the dis-
ease known as Athlete's Foot. Usually the disease starts between the toes.
Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks
and peels. After a while the itching becomes in-
tense and you feel as though you would like to
scratch off all the skin.

Beware of It Spreading

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of
the feet. The soles of your feet become red and
swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the
itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, be-
cause it is very contagious and it may go to your
hands or even to the under arm or crotch of the
body.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried
all kinds of remedies to cure it without success.
Ordinary germicides, antiseptics, salve or oin-
ments, seldom do any good.

Here's How to Treat It

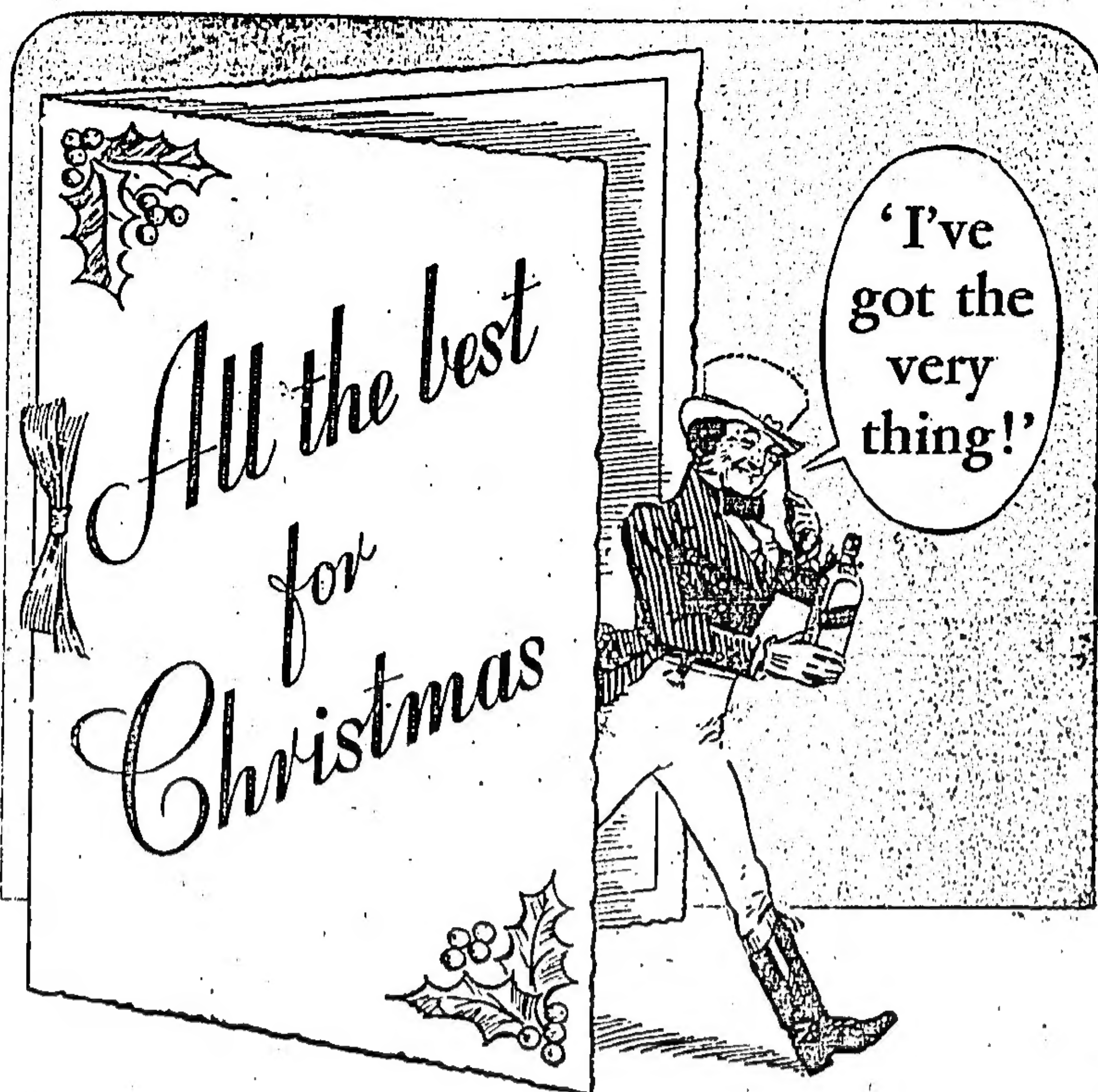
The germ that causes the disease is known as
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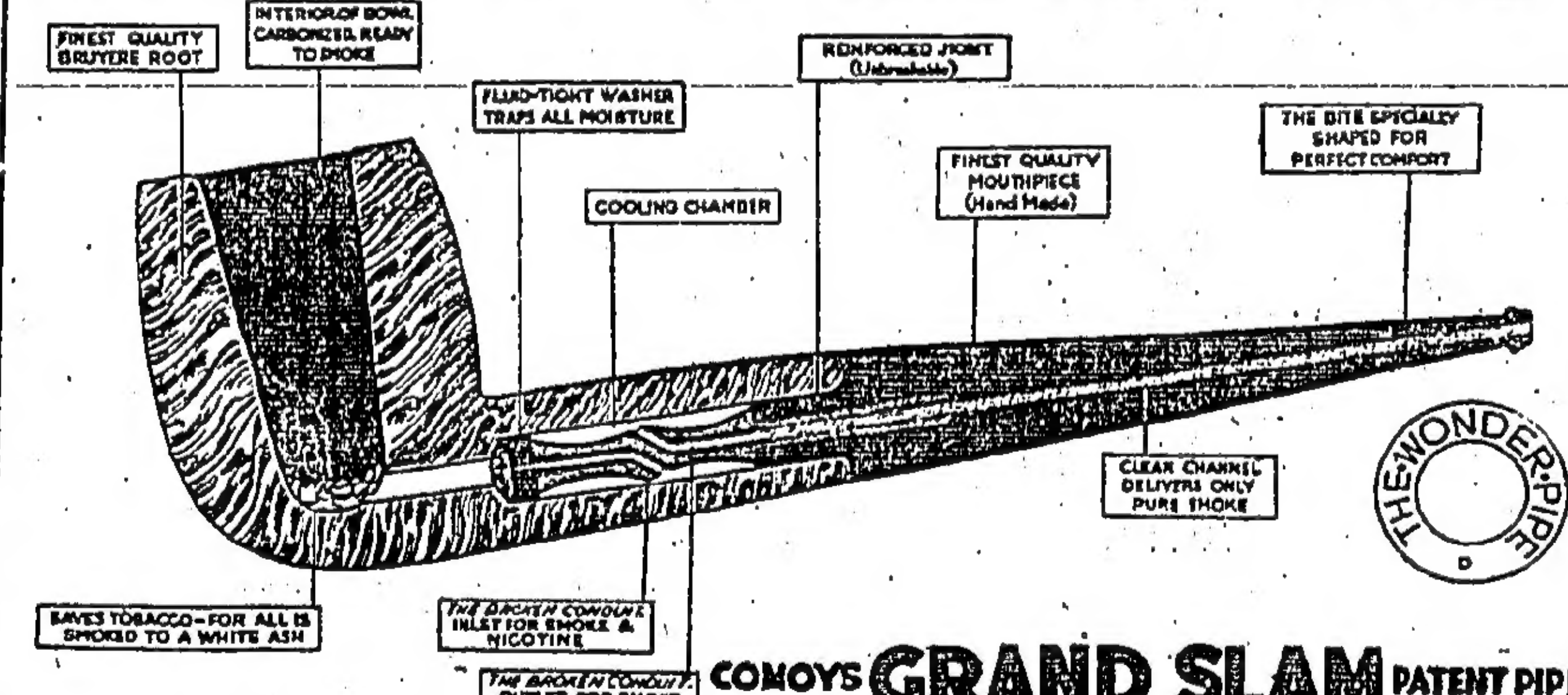
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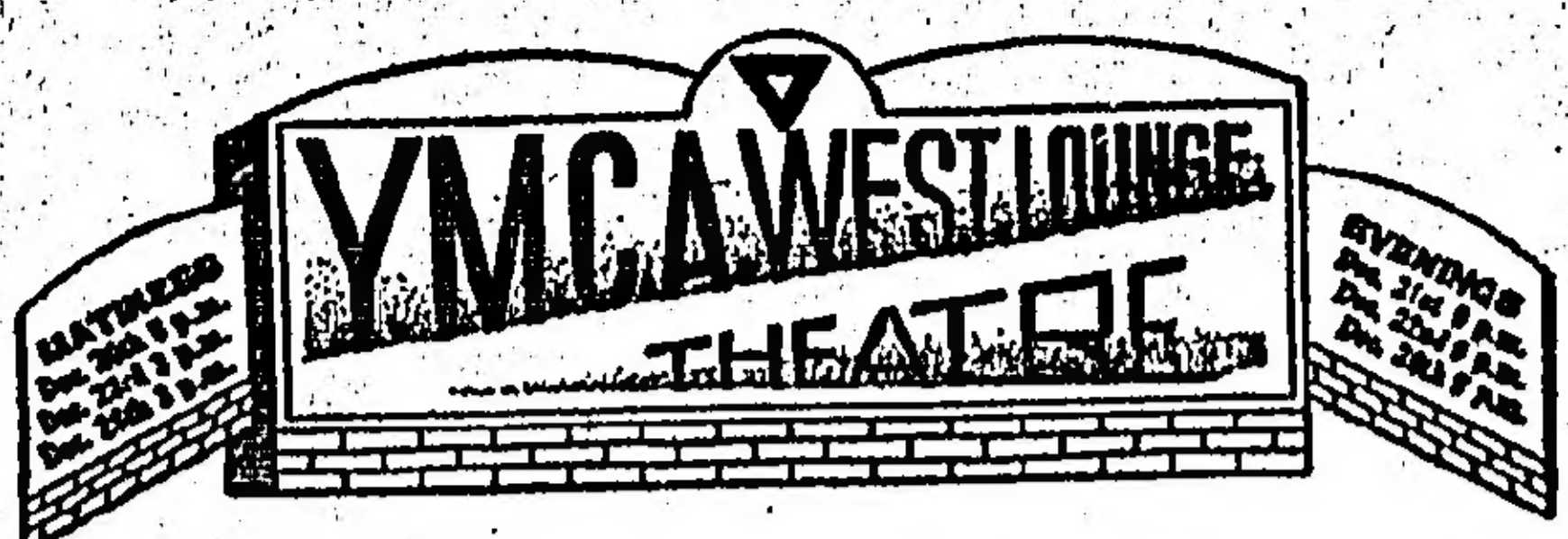
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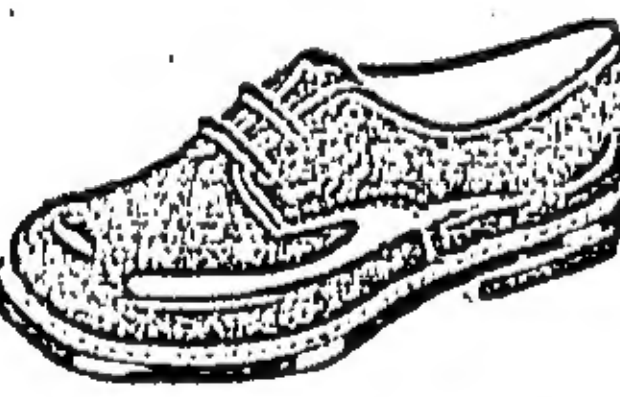
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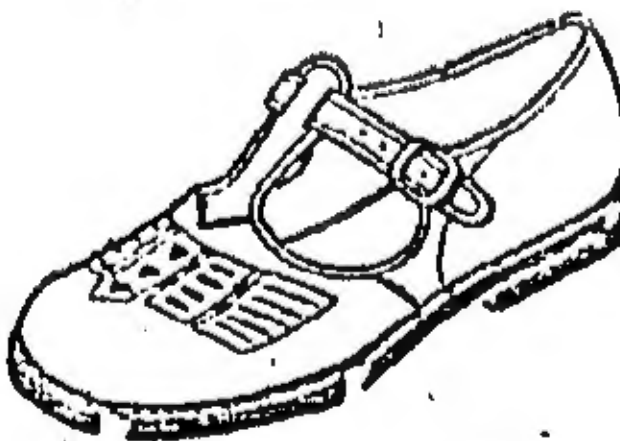
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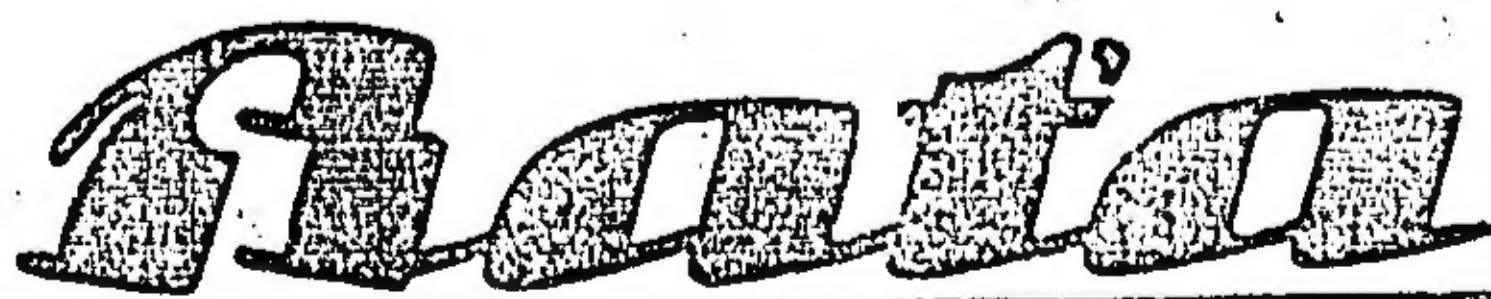
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SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

Churchill Angers Nazis

The German Press is strangely silent about the future of the German "People's Car," which was to render Germans a nation of motorists.

Since 1937 hundreds of workmen have been constructing a big factory at Fallersleben, near Hanover, for the production of this "Volkswagen." The workmen, who included many Italians, worked in a special "town" of their own.

The money to finance this scheme came from the pockets of hundreds of thousands of German artisans and workmen, who contributed 30 a week for months, on the promise that when they would get a car.

There is reason to believe that their hard-earned marks have merely gone into Hitler's war-chest, and that the Fallersleben factory is now producing armaments instead of four-seaters.

Ocean "Snipers"

Mr. Churchill has added another black page to the history of Britain by "placing British snipers on the ocean," stated the official German wire.

"Great Britain," it added, "is now acting against all rules of maritime warfare, especially the submarine protocol of 1930, by arming her merchant ships for attacks on German submarines."

"She will have to expect now all the reprisals which according to her ancient tradition Germany has a right to take."

The "Illustrierter Beobachter" contains two pictures of Mr. Churchill which carry the caption:

"First Sea Lord and First Liar of His Majesty."

More Germans Called Up

Berlin is full of soldiers, and convoys continue to pass through from Poland, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Belgian Agency.

There are indications that a new mobilisation order, calling up still more men, has been issued in Germany during the last few days.

Joy Bells Ordered

All churches in Germany have been instructed to ring their bells for an hour at noon for seven days in succession to celebrate the entry of the German troops into Warsaw, says the German News Agency.

They will at one and the same time be ringing for victory and tolling for the fallen.

This is in addition to the order that all buildings are to be belagued to celebrate the German entry into Warsaw, which is to take place "one day this week."

"Splitting Up Europe"

A cutting comment on Germany's new ally is provided by the Swedish weekly, "Se," which depicts the Mongolian face of a Soviet soldier on its cover with the caption "Asiatics lend a hand in splitting up Europe."

Shortage of Tank Ships

A startling picture of the lack of adequate river tonnage on the Danube and Danube canal system, the importance of which to Germany has been frequently stressed by Field-Marshal Goering, is painted by the economic supplement of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

This states that to remedy the most acute deficiencies boats and barges from the Rhine have been taken to pieces, transported across country and reassembled on the Danube. In particular, states the paper, there is a severe lack of tank vessels.

"Poor British Listeners"

The "12 Uhr Blatt" publishes under the above headline the news that English radio news will in future be approved by the Ministry of Information. "Only the swindling announcements of the notorious London lie headquarters" are to be allowed now, states the paper.

It is now nearly seven years since German home radio stations from their stations uncensored, by Dr. Goebbels's Propaganda Ministry.

Unsatisfactory Work—Prison

Beneath the headline "Prison for attempted Sabotage," the German Press reports from Hainstadt that "an inhabitant of Aschensleben" has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for performing unsatisfactory work so as to get official permission to change his job.

This instance typifies the many in Germany where men and women are forced by the Nazi State into work for which they are unfitted. The victim's efforts to obtain more suitable employment are labelled "sabotage."

Child Labour

Germany is returning to the employment of child labour on farms, according to an agricultural expert, speaking on the German radio.

"On my own farm," he said, "I employ children whose average age is 12."

"Unfortunately," he added, "we shall have to employ very many unskilled hands this year."

"We Are Starving"

"I wish we were in your country. Here in Germany we are starving!" This message was written under the lamp of a letter received from a German girl by friends in Victoria, Australia.

Morning Markets

Open-air markets in Berlin, which

DEAL IN OLD IRON

JOHN STEVENS, of Southampton, bought a motor-cycle as old iron. It cost him 2s., and a fellow-speculator put up half of that.

But when he began to break it up, the mechanism interested John so much that he repaired it instead and took it out on the road.

The motor-cycle did not go very well and attracted the notice of the police, with the result that the 2s. bargain has now cost John another pound in fine and costs, for the licence had not been included in the 2s. worth—nor had the insurance.

Speedy & Best Treatment For British Wounded

By DOUBLAS WILLIAMS
"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent

To-day I visited the first casualty clearing station set up ready for action on the British Front.

A room which a week ago was the kitchen of a French village cottage has been miraculously converted into an operating theatre. The walls have been whitewashed, the floor scrubbed down to its original tiling, and the stove fitted with a sterilising machine.

In one corner stood anaesthetic equipment, in another a white metal table, laden with all manner of surgical instruments.

In the middle of the room was an operating table of the collapsible type constructed of metal tubing. Above it had been rigged up an ingenious light, consisting of high voltage electric bulbs wired into reflectors cut from petrol tins and polished.

A grey uniformed sister was tidying up when I entered, and in the annex (formerly a washroom with a boiler, a couple of orderlies were unpacking tin boxes containing sterilised dressings. A little French girl sat on a bench looking an injured finger in some kind of antiseptic.

Aid For Civilians

"We do what we can to help the local civilians," said the surgeon, formerly a famous consultant from Wimborne-street. "The first case we had here was a delivery. Mother and child are doing well."

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The R.A.M.C. to-day is an elaborate and efficient machine designed to clear up the human debris of the battlefield, to save and to repair the wounded and generally to care for the physical well-being of the soldier.

Rapid Ambulance Service

In the last war many deaths resulted from gangrene because operational surgery in many cases was not available near the front line.

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Only yesterday, the doctor told me, a soldier had been brought in from a forward unit suffering from a perforated ulcer. He actually reached the operating table within four and a half hours of his attack, so rapid was the ambulance service.

An operation was immediately performed, and in a few weeks he will be fit and well again. If the treatment had been delayed a few hours longer his life could not have been saved.

Other surgical operations which have been carried out during the few days the hospital has been functioning include treatment of a fractured spine, several appendicitis cases and other abdominal operations.

The headquarters office is installed in the former Mairie, and the officers' mess in a large type of house, where meals are taken in a bright room looking out to the garden.

have hitherto been held during the afternoon, must now be held in the morning, or not at all, it is announced. Markets held in the afternoons have given trouble when the black-out began.

Cafe Meals as Rations

Under a new regulation in Germany food served in restaurants which is subject to rationing will count as part of a person's rations.

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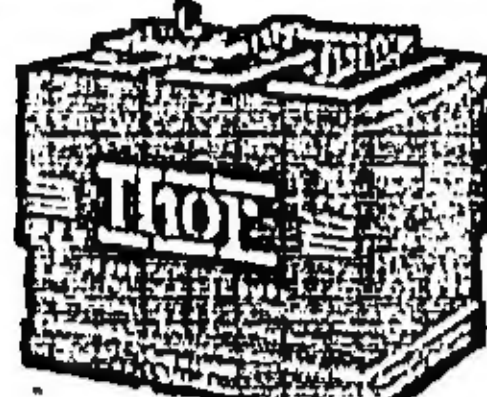


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Law Of Attraction

The law of attraction is at work in the realm of diplomacy and international politics.

The Nations are being drawn into the orbit which appeals to them as nearest right and good. Conversely, they are being repelled by what appears to be cruel, unjust and destructive.

Upon the alignment resulting from this force is bound to rest the difference between defeat and victory in war, and the nature of the peace to be established.

Up to now, most of the decisive engagements in this new, strange war have not been military or naval nor aerial, but diplomatic.

The war was precipitated by a diplomatic engagement, the Russo-German agreement described as a non-aggression pact, but now seen to have been a secret treaty for the partition of Poland and the absorption by Russia of the Baltic States. Was this pact the result of the operation of the law of attraction? Did the Russian and German Governments, which had for years vociferously condemned each other, and the German and Russian peoples, who had long been taught to despise and distrust each other, suddenly become mutually attractive and throw themselves each into the other's arms in an overwhelming frenzy of affection?

It appears not. The enmity engendered by years of propaganda was not eliminated by a stroke of the pen. The alliance, if alliance it can be called, is merely an arrangement of convenience, of temporary expediency. The Russian Government has made it plain that it has no intention of aiding Germany by force of arms, and is as willing to trade with the Allies as with Herr Hitler. The Russo-German pact does not deserve to be described as a product of the law of attraction. That law can operate only on a basis of integrity and good faith.

Elsewhere the law of true attraction is seen to be abundantly operative.

It is apparent in the alliance between Great Britain and France, which rests not upon mere expediency, but upon common traditions of democracy and self-government, and upon the defence of the Western World against brutality and absolutism.

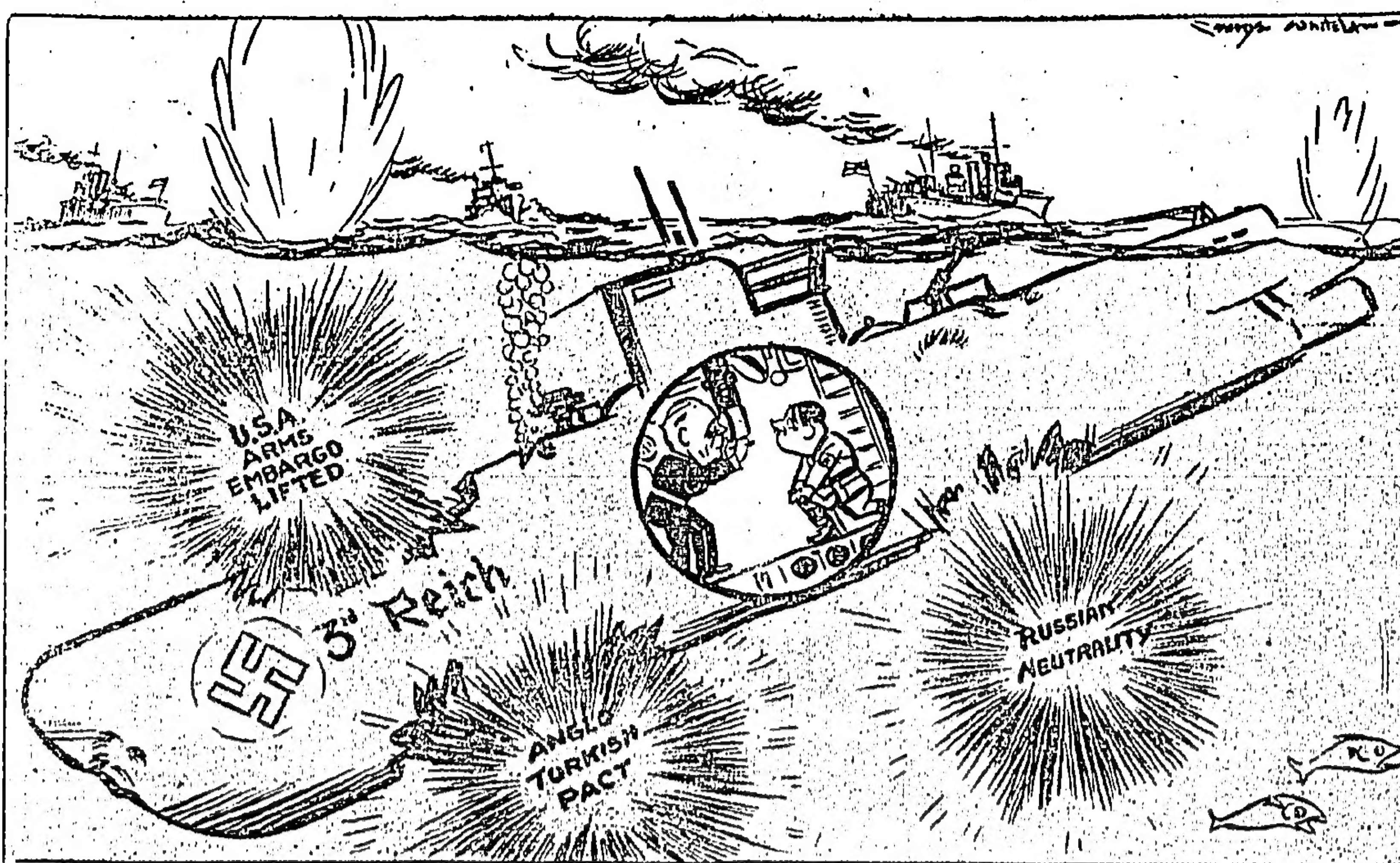
It is apparent in Italy's decision against being swept into the ambitious designs of the Hitler regime, and in favour of continuing amity with the Allies.

It is apparent in Turkey's refusal to become, as it became in the World War, the instrument of Germany's ambitions in the Near East and in its determination to maintain its national independence and integrity, which can best be done through friendship with the Allies.

It is apparent in the overwhelming sympathy of the people of the United States, as revealed in every poll of public opinion, with the cause of the Western European Democracies. Germany is alone. It has not even the Allies that remained loyal to it in the World War.

In German eyes, this may be proof merely of the treachery of non-German peoples, and of the power of British gold.

But to most people, it is conclusive proof that the Hitler regime has much to learn about the law of attraction.



RIBBENFLOP. Everything is going smoothly, mein Fuehrer!

Maginet Line,
Siegfried Line, and now

"WATER LINE"

By E. de NEVE

WILL Hitler invade Holland in a desperate effort to regain the initiative in his war?

At the moment nobody is certain. But the Dutch are taking no chances. Nearly half a million men are mobilised, armed with the most modern weapons.

You have read how roads along parts of the east and south frontiers are bordered with high trees, mined ready to block the roads to an invading army, and how machine-guns are in position to mow down the men who would have to spend days clearing the way.

Then comes into play the Dutch Water Line—not so strong as the Maginet or Siegfried lines, perhaps, but still...

It is ironic to find that in time of need the Dutchman's great enemy—water—against whom he has struggled for centuries, should suddenly become his shield, and should defend for him the country from which it had been chased to make a fertile soil.

How would this great sacrifice, this vast flooding of fertile land, be carried out?

The dykes would be pierced, the sluices of the canals opened, and the whole country would be flooded in such a way that only the land above sea level would remain untouched.

And from these high areas artillery and machine-guns would cover the flooded fields.

No tank or armoured car could cross this immense lake. The soil would be covered by at least three feet of water within a very short time.

And under this water are unsuspected traps, for the fields are interlocked for drainage purposes by wide ditches and canals which could not be detected once the land was flooded.

Tanks, the general land forces, would be useless, whatever damage was done from the air.

Troops cannot reach the essential parts of Holland once the water has spread over it.

Already one part of Holland, the province of Utrecht, has been flooded as a test.

An officer who accompanied me said it would be exactly like that everywhere between the coast and the frontier, except on the immense mounds where our troops would have strategic positions.

On the way back he showed me in the middle of the highest fields, concrete platforms for guns. On both sides of the dykes were the shelters for the troops. The coast

defence is just as efficient. In the dunes from south to north hundreds of nests of machine-guns and numerous camouflaged big guns watch over the dykes' security.

And in the first line the Dutch men-of-war are on the watch. The enemy would spoil his guns and shells by bombarding a hinterland of dead ruin and wastes of water. But even worse possible for him to land he would find that every factory hides heavy pieces of artillery and every little farm shelters machine guns, and that even every advertising pillar holds a deadly charge along the accessible roads where all kinds of obstacles used in a modern war prevent any motorised troops and units being of the slightest use.

This is how Holland has organised her defence. The Dutchman knows how to fight for his liberty and his independence, and he is ready to defend both to the uttermost.

At present the Ministry, in co-operation with the French, is engaged in crucial discussions with neutral countries, which should enable the blockade to work ac-

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The grip is getting tighter

by Douglas Jay

BLOCKADE is the main offensive weapon of Britain and France against Hitler.

It is now entering on a new, more complex and more deadly phase.

For the first few weeks of war the cargoes of ships openly destined for Germany could easily be seized by the British and French fleets.

Naturally, the Nazis do not now try to import goods in German ships, but devise various ruses for getting them through neutral countries or through nominally neutral companies or ships.

This has started a tremendous international commercial struggle in which bogus companies, fictitious directors, and all sorts of legal and financial dodges attempt to outwit the naval blockade.

That is why we need a Ministry of Economic Warfare.

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cording to principles which their Governments freely accept.

There are two main methods of deciding whether the goods consigned to neutrals are going on to Germany. First, all goods going into a neutral country over and above that country's ordinary purchases may be stopped.

Secondly, all goods consigned to firms which are believed to be really Nazi-controlled or Nazi sympathisers can also be stopped.

Some weeks ago a black list of banned firms was published. The M.E.W.'s "Black List" Department is now compiling a huge dossier of dubious firms, fictitious registrations, complicated aliases, and, indeed, a complete international rogues' gallery for use in frustrating Nazi commercial tricks.

Negotiations between the M.E.W. and the Belgian, Dutch, the Scandinavian States and Iceland have been proceeding amicably on these lines in the past week or two.

If Italy were to import into Germany on a big scale, our blockade would be weakened. But we have naval control of the Mediterranean, and contraband control bases have been established at Gibraltar and Haifa.

Germany has limited supplies of goods to sell to Italy. And Italy certainly will not sell her own products on credit to Germany, since Germany already owes her a big commercial debt.

And now they have just agreed to the formation of a joint Anglo-Italian trade commission appointed to supervise trade between the two countries.

Even the Balkan States need not be considered a serious gap in the blockade. By controlling the Mediterranean, Suez and Red Sea, and by black-listing suspicious firms in South East Europe, the leak can gradually be stopped.

Russia is naturally the big puzzle. Here we only know for certain that if Stalin wishes to supply Germany with vital goods on a big scale, he will have to starve his own industry and people.

As yet Britain and France are not stopping German goods being exported through neutral countries.

There is a strong case for doing so at once. We started to do this in the last war, as soon as Germany embarked on unrestricted submarine warfare. This time she has already done so, but the fact has to be established before prize courts.

The M.E.W. and the Department of Overseas Trade have also only just begun the task of organising a really aggressive export campaign designed to drive German goods out of neutral markets.

They also ought to take on the job of outbidding the Nazis in the purchase of essential goods from countries round Germany.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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Fowler-Dudley Wedding In Penang



HONGKONG BRIDE. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Dudley photographed after their recent marriage in Penang. The bride was formerly Miss Anne Fowler, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fowler, of Hongkong.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Group photograph taken at a party held to celebrate the first birthday of Edith Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Weldon.—Ming Yuen.

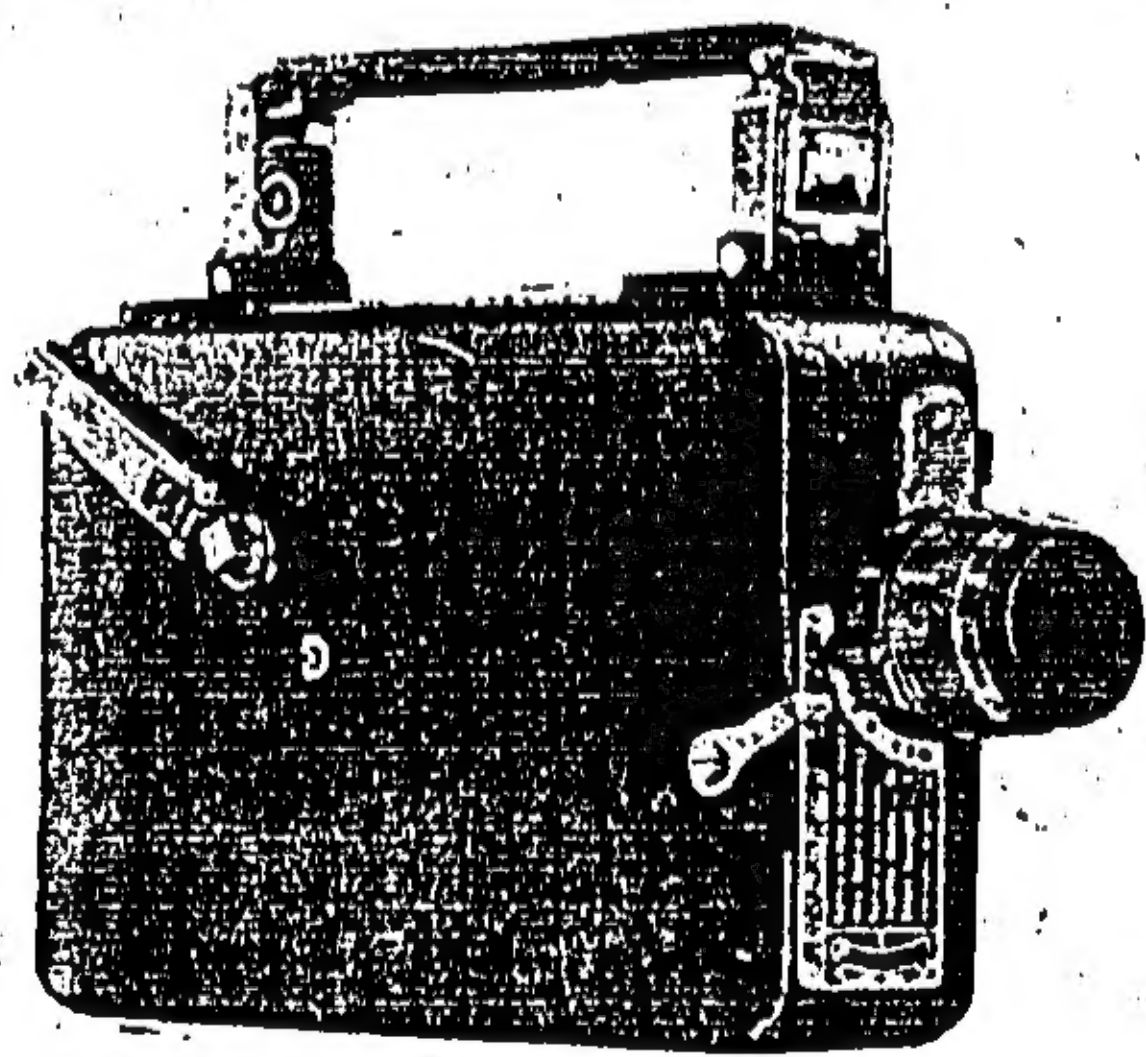


CHRISTENING CEREMONY. Group photograph taken after the recent christening at the Methodist Church of Brian Douglas, infant son of Captain and Mrs. G. Cope.—Ming Yuen.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME. The Princess Morgiana, the Sultan and an attendant who take important roles in "Ali Baba," the Y.M.C.A. Christmas pantomime which commences next Wednesday.—Staff Photographer.

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By inflicting a fatal disease on a great friend with whom you are living you could end all the suffering in Europe. Would you?

You are engaged and need money desperately to get married. A newspaper offers you a high price for your story of an incident at night which wrecked the married life of some great friends if published. Would you take the offer?

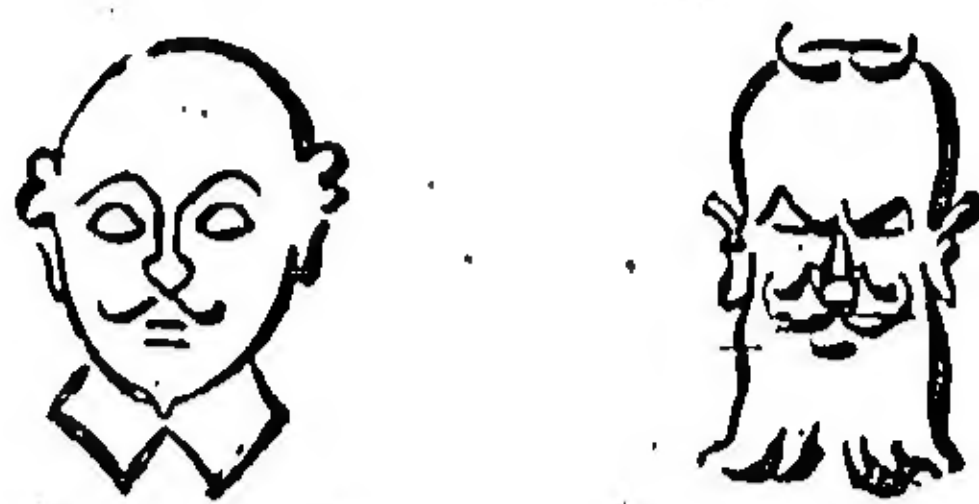
5 You are very fond of cakes and sweets. You find that by giving up eating them you can live to be 100. Would you?

6 Your old friend, the local family doctor, is getting past it, but you know he feels he cannot afford to retire. A brilliant refugee doctor seeks a permit to practise in the neighbourhood where there has been a good deal of sickness. It is in your power to give or withhold the permit. What would you do?

7 A man saved your wife's life, and through that became your best friend. Two years later you discover he is working as a spy against your country. Would you denounce him?

8 You have been awarded the most coveted prize at your college. By chance you see the books and find that through an error in calculation you are first, where you should have been second. Would you admit looking at the books which you should have left closed, or accept the prize, knowing that you are not really entitled to it?

Tear this page out and keep it handy for your Christmas party. It may help a bit if ideas begin to run out.



Let's See, Who Wrote This?

Yes, most of you know off by heart the quotations below, but how many know who wrote them? Here's an idea which will appeal to the more literary-minded of your guests.

Select yourself some fairly well-known quotations of the type below, read them out to the guests and award a small prize (cigarettes or chocolates) to the one who gets the most right.

1. Primroses, the Spring may love them;

2. If it be a sin to covet honour, then I am the most offending of all men.

3. Still are the thoughts of memory dear.

4. For men must work, and women must weep.

Party Game

THIS is an ideal game for a very big party. Divide your guests into two or more teams with a bench or a chair in front of each team. On each of these place one new candle, a box of matches, and a doll.

Then blow a whistle as a sign that the baby is awake and crying. Immediately the father (or leader of the team) should get up and light the candle, walk as quickly as possible all round the team, put the baby down again on the chair, and blow out the candle. As soon as he gets back to his place the whole team have to dash out one by one and do exactly what the father did.

The winning team is, of course, the one that gets done first.

Bridge Hints

Beginners and novices—and others—may find of some use the following tips and suggested methods of dealing with the difficulties that will arise:

1. Applied common sense will, as a rule, go a long way to solve the problems that confront you. We all profess to have common sense, and those who apply it best are the most successful. Almost all systems and conventions of bidding and play are founded on common sense.

2. Consider every difficult position that arises from a negative rather than a positive view-point. In other words, make your decision where there is more than one alternative by a process of elimination of harmfulness. Say to yourself: "What harm shall I do if I bid this... or play that?"

3. Remember you are one of two partners at Contract. Selfishness in Bridge—no matter how big a fool you may deem your partner to be—produces results quite as serious as bad bidding or bad play.

4. Never, without unimpeachable reason, mislead your partner. If you do, you will at once undermine that confidence which must exist between partners to produce the success you both seek.

5. If you have good reason for regarding your partner's ability to be poor—compare with yours—praise him, compliment when he is successful and commiserate with him when he fails (even if due to crass stupidity). He may suspect that he is a worse player even than you are, but sympathetic treatment will bring out the best in him.

6. Never let 100 (or 150) honours unduly colour your bidding. Many a hand is a "make" in "Three No-Trumps" when "Five Diamonds" or "Five Clubs" ("I had 150 Honours, Partner") cannot be got. Alternatively, many a contract of "Four Spades" or "Four Hearts" can be made when "Three No-Trumps"—with 150 Aces—cannot. (Applied common sense!)

7. Work over-calls by second hand, when non-vulnerable, are usually a mistaken form of amusement; but when vulnerable they invite dire and terrible penalties if partner turns out to have a "bust". If fourth hand (your partner) has anything to say he will endeavour to say it, whether third hand butts in or not.

8. Admittedly, when vulnerable opponents have an advanced score and you are not vulnerable, it is often expedient to make a weakish opening bid on the basis that the best defence is attack. But, normally, do not open the bidding with a bid of one in a suit unless you are prepared for any response your partner may make. (Principle of anticipation.)

9. Never, as declarer, be in a hurry to play to the first trick. As soon as Dummy is exposed, give a good deal of consideration to the problem of how to play the combined hands to the best advantage. Form a plan of campaign and proceed along definite lines, unless and until some unexpected adverse distribution or play comes along to cause you to vary your scheme.

SHAGGY DOGS...

THERE is a minor craze in America for "Shaggy Dog" stories—stories which build up, through thrills, excitement, and similar devices, to a strong climax. Then suddenly the anti-climax—absurdly humorous. Here is the original "Shaggy Dog" story. It would not be a bad idea to compose a "Shaggy Dog" story, have a copy for each guest, leaving out the anti-climax. Offer a prize for the best ending to the story.

HIRAM K. JEDBURGH, of New York City, picked up his morning paper, looked in the "Agency Column," and saw this advertisement:

Wanted: A shaggy dog. Advertiser is willing to pay £250 English money. Apply, Lord Snooks, Park-lane, London, England.

Hiram knew a shepherd who'd a very shaggy sheep dog, so he went along to this shepherd—who could neither write nor read, and therefore could not have understood the advertisement even supposing he had seen it—and bought the very shaggy dog for ten dollars.

He reckoned, "I pay my fare to England and return—that ought to show me a pretty good profit."

So, with shaggy dog on a lead, he arrived at Southampton, asked, "Shy, where's London?" A porter said, "The train will take you there, sir."

Hiram said, "Nuts to a train, I'm making a big profit on this; get me a car."

At high speed he drove to London, found Park-lane and Lord Snooks' house.

He strode up the marble steps, banged on the highly polished and richly embossed door. A butler answered. Said Hiram: "Is Lord Snooks in?" The butler said: "Yes, sir, I'll call him."

Lord Snooks appeared at the door, clad in purple dressing-gown, wearing his coronet.

Hiram said: "Lord Snooks, I've come all the way from New York City. I saw this little advertisement in the New York evening paper. You say here you are willing to pay £250 English money for a shaggy dog. Right here, sir, is the shaggy dog."



"Say, Where's London?"

The Best Lungs Win

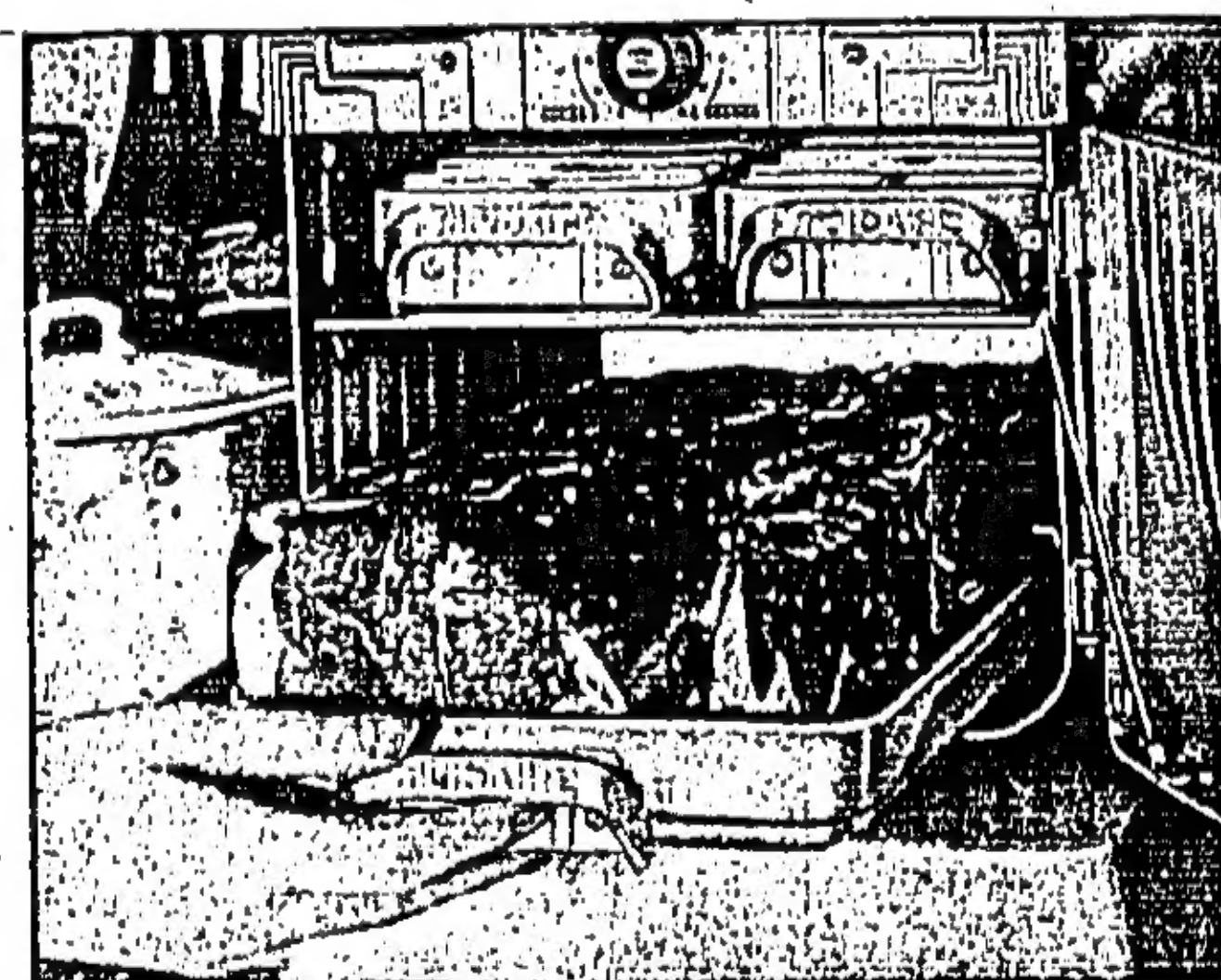
HERE is a game in which lungs count. Take a saucer, a tumbler, a handful of split peas, and a straw for each competitor.

The object is to see who can remove the greatest number of peas from the saucer to the tumbler in, say, three minutes—using only the straw and your powers of suction.

As a variation, you may fill the saucer with rice and arm the competitors with two ordinary pins apiece. To lift grains of rice with such weapons will try the temper and the steadiness of hands.

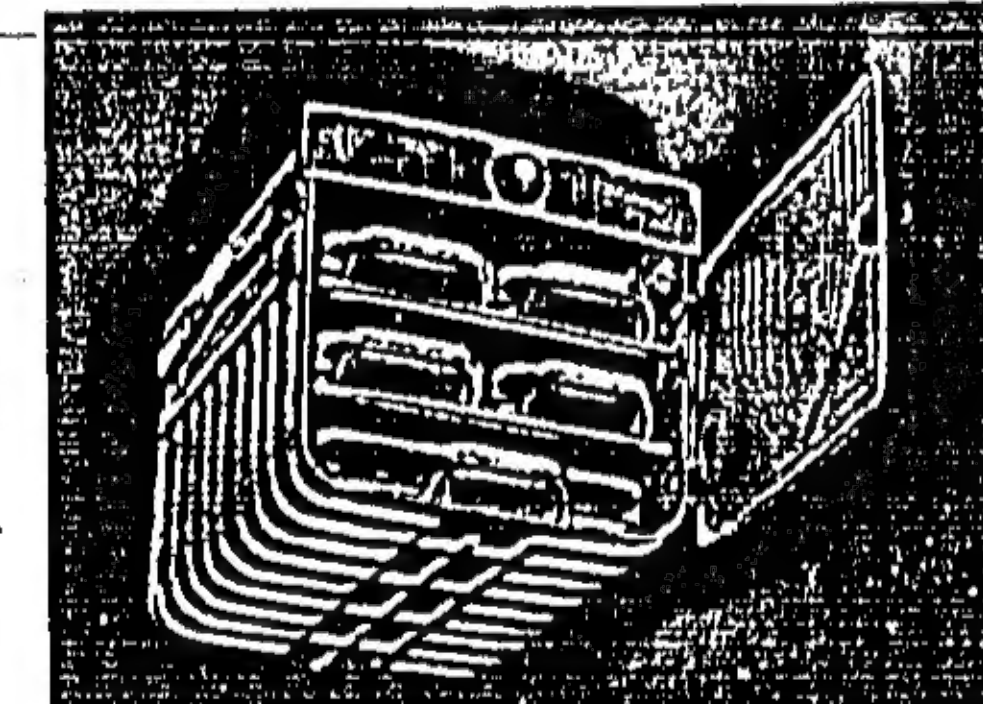
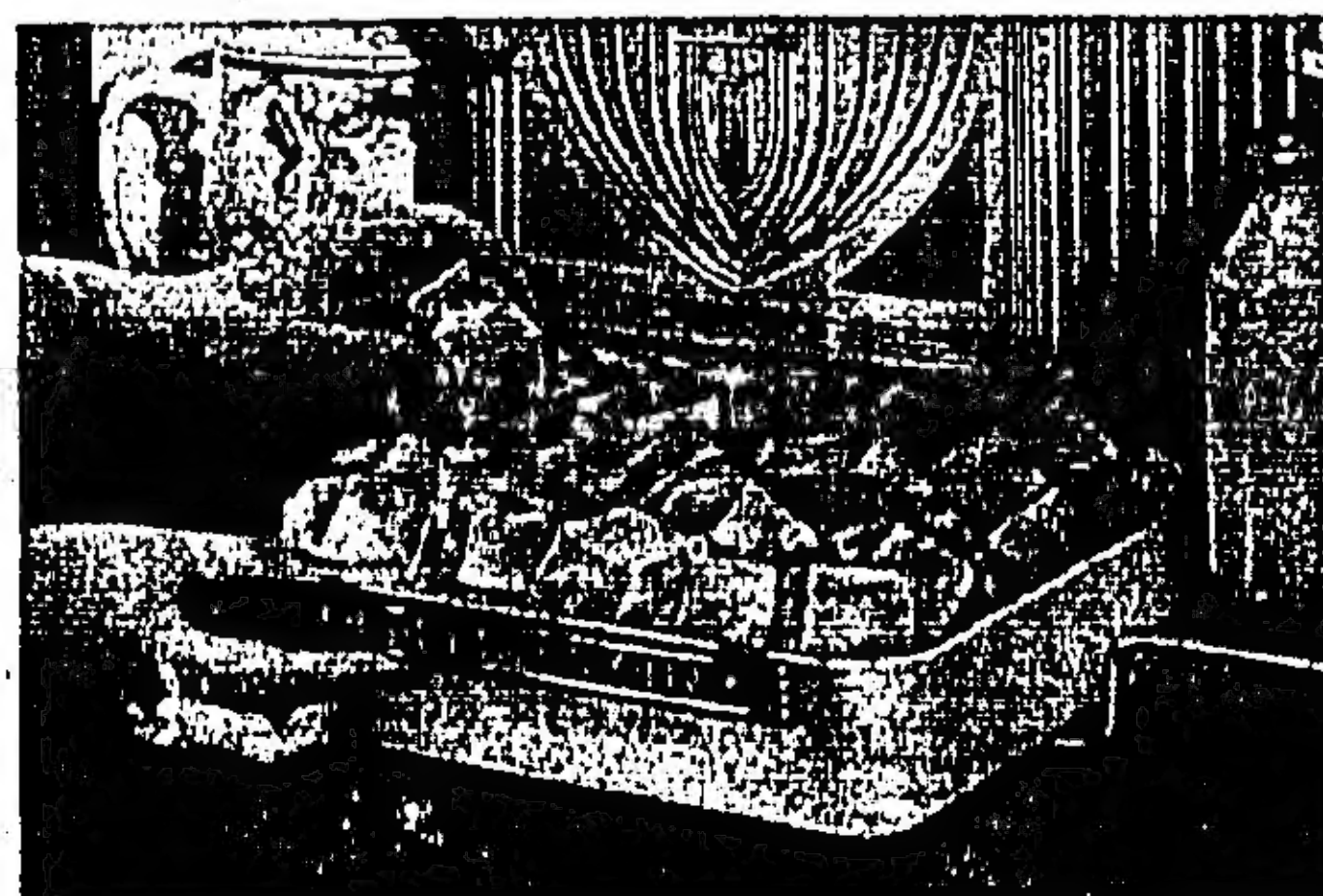
Lord Snooks adjusted his monocle, peered at the shaggy dog, said: "Not shaggy enough," and shut the door.

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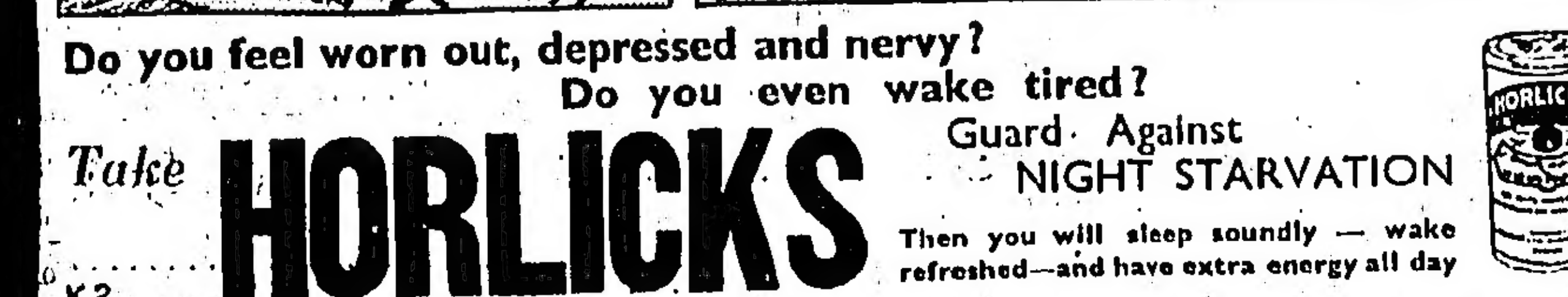
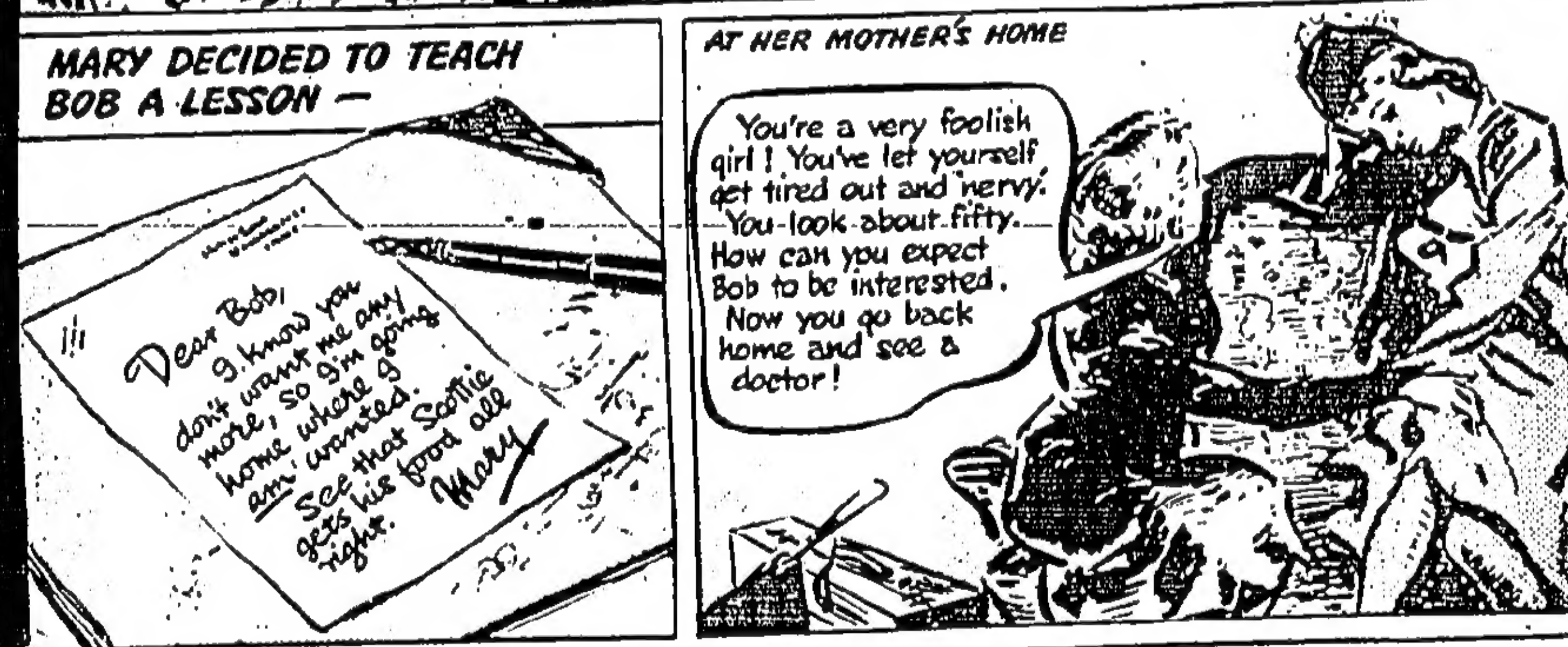
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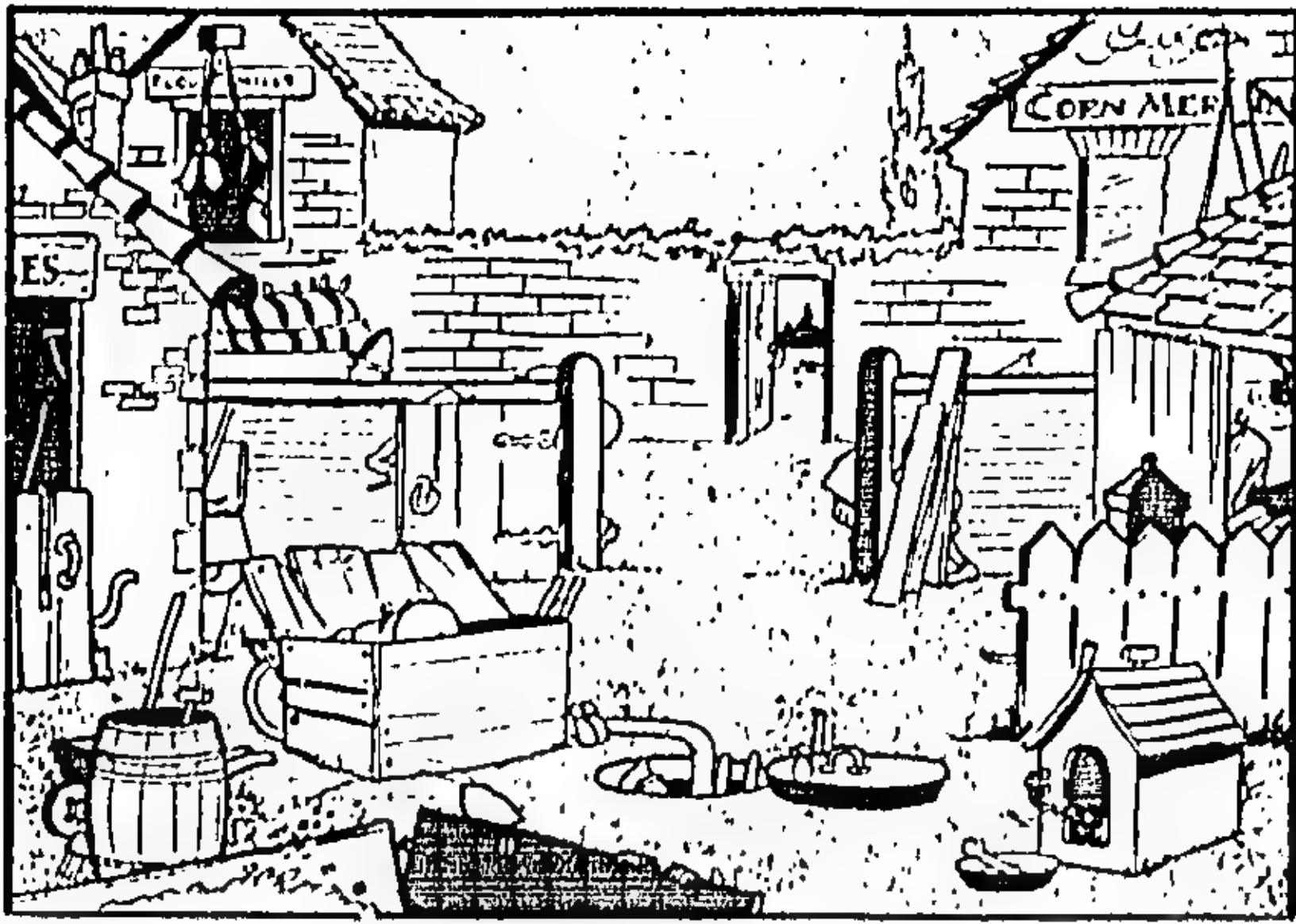
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Dear Kiddles, Last week's Donald Duck colouring competition was really very well done and it took me quite a long time to pick out the winning entries.

However, I have finally decided to award the prizes this week to:

John Grey (aged 11), Troadero Hotel, Joan Aeneas Daniel (aged 10), 220, Prince Edward Road, Tin Fung.

Kimberley Madar (aged 11), 19, Kimberley Road.

Coupons have been sent to John, Joan and Kimberley which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" office in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

This week, kiddles, I want you to look closely at the above picture and you will see a number of partly hidden objects, a policeman behind the wall, a cat behind the dog kennel and so on. Write down as many partly hidden objects as you can find; then give the total number you can find to the bottom. Fill in the name, age and address coupon and send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition closes at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Three prizes will again be given—one for the best entry in each age section. Good luck, kiddles.

Uncle Eddie

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



A portrait attachment—speaking of inexpensive Christmas gifts—is often essential for taking a close-up such as this

CHRISTMAS is the gift season. Already, wise givers are making up lists. In order to do their shopping early. And I imagine most Snapshot Guild members, knowing how much the camera hobby has meant to them, will choose gifts that help others enjoy the fun of picture-making.

There are many such gifts, but they should be selected wisely. The gift must, by all means, be useful—and suited to the person who receives it. Thus, it would be unwise to give an advanced type of camera to a beginner. Rather, give him—if a young child—a simple box camera or if around high school age—a folding camera. A book on how to make good pictures can well accompany each camera gift; there is a popular one for but fifty cents. Then later on, after he learns the elements of picture-taking, he can better use a superior camera with fast lens and wider picture-making range.

For your fellow hobbyists, camera accessories are ideal gifts. For example, few hobbyists have enough color filters. A choice of several filters is desirable. If special picture effects are to be obtained, your friend may have a K-1 or K-2 filter for everyday use, yet need a light green X-1 filter for obtaining superior tone quality in outdoor scenes and informal portraits. He may also need a G or A filter for dramatic sky effects, or for clear-cut pictures of distant scenes. A needed filter would be an appropriate gift to him.

Many hobbyists go on excursions carrying camera and film in their pockets. A camera case would be convenient for them, and an appropriate gift. Some camera fans use old, non-photosensitive, tripods. New, firm tripods would delight their Christmas morning. Such small gifts as a lens shade, a self-timer attachment, or a portrait attachment for close-up pictures are inexpensive gifts—yet much appreciated.

And while we're on the subject—there may be gadgets or equipment you need for your own use. If so, now is the time to begin hunting for them. A word dropped here and there will often work wonders along about December 25. It's certainly worth trying!

John van Dolder

Professor Murray's 'Persians'

The Persians of Aeschylus, translated into English rhyming verse by Gilbert Murray. New York: Oxford University Press.

TRANSLATION of classic works grows freer all the time, though it may be said to have been fairly free always. For turning a piece of writing from one language into another can scarcely ever be literal and at the same time interesting. Probably no translator ever doubted that he gave the meaning of the original near enough, even when he over-stepped the borders and added a fancy of his own, his intention being to tell what this or that passage means to him now and here, rather than to repeat what it meant to some pedantic predecessor.

Now in Gilbert Murray's version of the "Persians" of Aeschylus, we have a work that belongs not only to Fifth-Century Athens but also to the present moment. The book may have been in the Oxford scholar's thought for a long time, and most

likely has been; but it could not read as it does if it had been put in print sooner. It is by no means contemporary with his "Electra" of Euripides, for example, which was published 30 or more years ago.

From a quick glance, a reader would judge the "Persians" as just another Murray rendering of a Greek play into English rhymes; the old-school poetic style again standing in evidence, the highly coloured diction of yesteryear, the same romantic handling of scene, and the same chivalric treatment of character. Prose and verse forms of the second person singular repeat, participial-adjectives with the final "ed" separately articulated; not to mention "I wot," "I bid," and "ah me."

Nevertheless, a remarkable difference shows. Professor Murray has studied and mastered rhythms to a degree that gives him a place in the front line of modern verse makers. His "Persians" is a veritable schoolbook of prosody.

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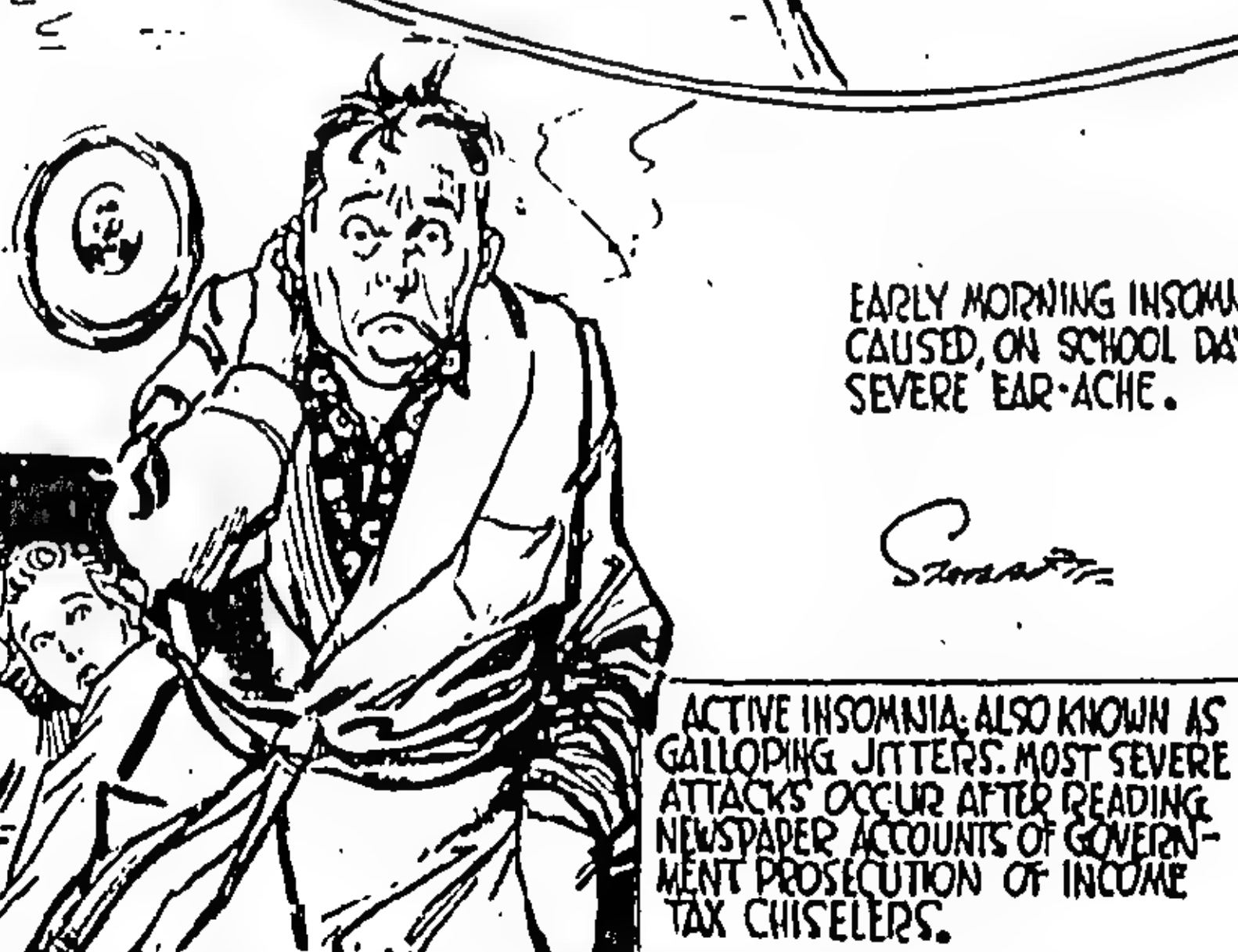
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By KENP STARRETT

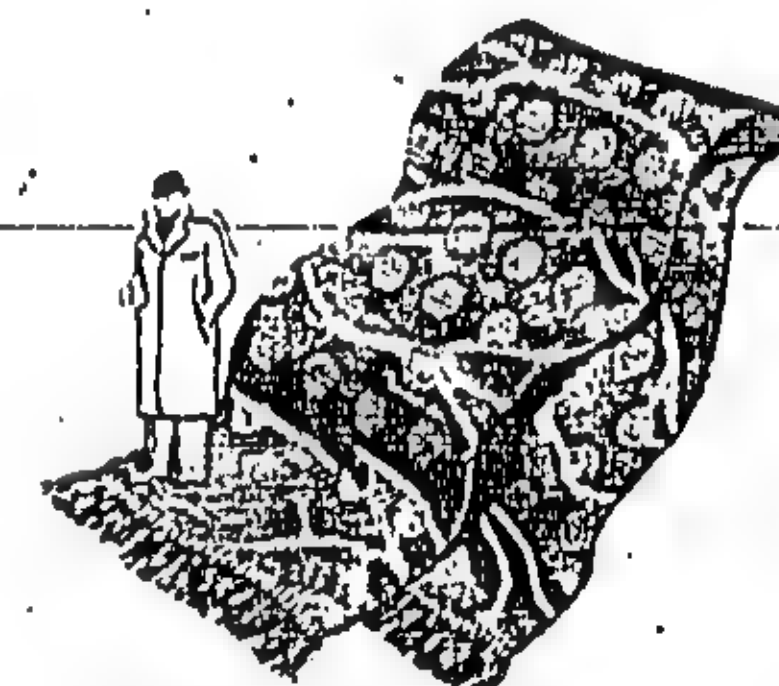
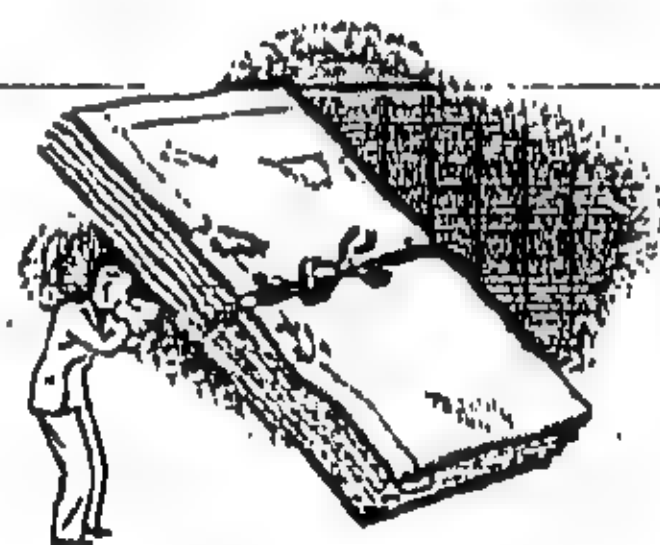


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LEFT: A horse-shoe doorway in a farm at Glynde, Sussex.

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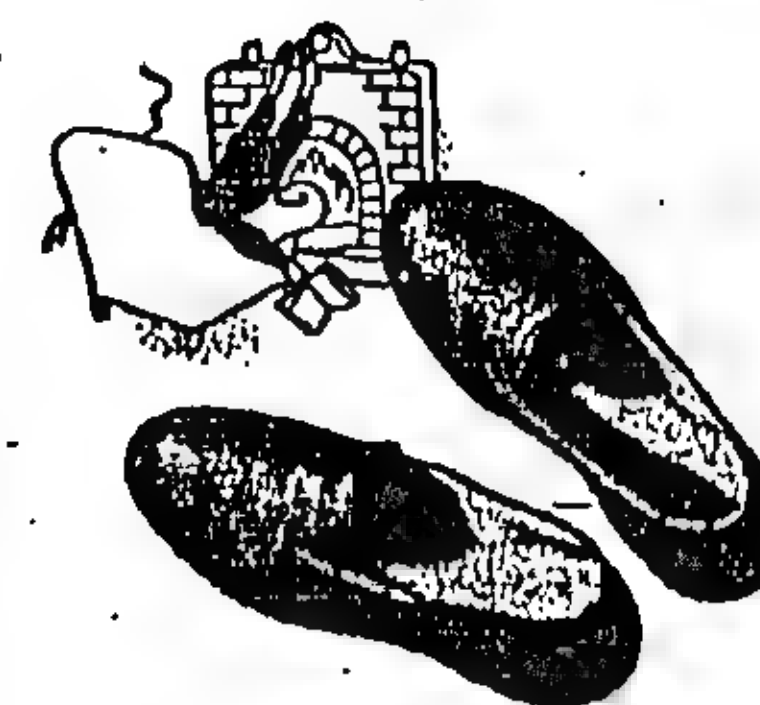
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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Australia's War Effort

SYDNEY, Dec. 15 (Reuter Special).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced to-day that the air training scheme for Australia includes 10,400 pilots and 15,000 observers, wireless operators and air gunners.

The cost in the next three years is estimated at £50,000,000.

An agreement will be signed by the Governments of the United Kingdom and Australia providing that all the Australian personnel shall complete their training in Australia, except for "some thousands" in Canada.

Britain would contribute 50 per cent. of the engines required and aircraft used for elementary training.

Britain has offered to provide such instructors as might be necessary to supplement those in Australia.

NORTH SEA AERIAL BATTLE

London, Dec. 15.

Yesterday was a day of almost unceasing activity over the North Sea by aircraft of the R.A.F.

Considerable forces made wide searches for enemy surface craft and submarines. Besides these operations there was a close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands of North-West Germany.

One of the sweeps—as the reconnaissance flights over the sea are called—extended over the Heligoland Bight and during this operation the formation of aircraft engaged a strong enemy fighter force, at same time encountering anti-aircraft fire from German warships.

This formation left its base for the purpose of carrying out North Sea reconnaissance. Visibility was poor. For about two and a half hours our aircraft flew over the North Sea when, in the distance, they saw what appeared to be warships. Closer inspection revealed a battleship and a cruiser making towards the South. Some destroyers and a submarine were also observed.

The submarine opened fire and then dived for safety.

Within a few moments of the warships being sighted our aircraft were engaged by German fighters and then ensued a desperate fight.

The contest was not only with the enemy in the air, for the anti-aircraft guns of the warships opened fire. Black and white bursts surrounded our aircraft. When the gunfire ceased another wave of fighters attacked our aircraft. Six times this happened, with the guns from the ships firing at short intervals between the fighters' attacks.

The fight lasted nearly half an hour.

For the first fifteen minutes it looked as though the Germans were going to escape any real punishment, but then a twin-engined Messerschmitt German fighter fell in flames into the sea. A few minutes later another German fighter met the same fate, and these two were followed by a third and fourth.

In the engagement one of our aircraft was shot down and two others are missing.

All our other formations of aircraft returned to their base after dark. During close reconnaissance of the fortified islands on the coast of North-West Germany our aircraft in order to obtain the information required, were at times flying just below the cloud base and at less than 100 feet above the island fortifications.

Visibility varied from as little as 300 yards to as much as six miles, and though the sudden appearance of low-flying aircraft took the anti-aircraft defences largely by surprise, several batteries opened belated fire but without success.

An enemy fighter also came up to engage one of our aircraft but the British pilot took cover in the prevailing low clouds and having eluded the fighter, emerged to continue his interrupted reconnaissance.

After circling the islands our aircraft completed their task and returned safely to their bases after a successful reconnaissance of nearly five hours' duration.—British Wireless.

Three Bombers Down

London, Dec. 15.

An eye-witness of the aerial combat between 12 British bombers and a large number of German fighters said that there were so many German fighters and they were changing the directions of their flight so rapidly he was unable to count their exact number.

He added that when the battle was over he saw nine bombers flying away in a north-westerly direction.—Reuter Bulletin.

Air Base Attacked

London, Dec. 15.

A report from Denmark states that last night a British bombing squadron attacked one of the German air bases in the north of Germany. Inhabitants in a Danish town nearby heard the detonation of bombs and anti-aircraft fire but

BRITAIN NEGOTIATES FOR NAZI WARSHIP TO BE INTERNED

Britain has sent a note to Uruguay contending that the Admiral Graf Spee should not be permitted to remain in port for more than 24 hours without internment. It is stated that the battleship will be allowed to remain until to-morrow, or at the very latest, Monday.

The Admiral Graf Spee sank nine ships during her adventures. Sixty-one prisoners were released at Montevideo after they had signed pledges that they would not go to sea again for the duration.

The naval battle was "apparently of much concern to all Americans" and it is reported that the American nations might make a joint protest to Germany and Britain.

Montevideo, Dec. 15.

The Admiral Graf Spee will be allowed by Uruguay to remain until Sunday or, at the very latest, Monday. Practically all the wounded are still aboard the warship.

Some of the 62 Britons who were held prisoner aboard the German cruiser confirm that gas shells were not used by the British warships in the encounter. None of the Britons have been gassed, although they were not provided with gas masks, as were the crew of the German ship.

It is reckoned that the Admiral Graf Spee was hit sixteen times during the encounter.—Reuter.

May Stay Longer

Montevideo, Dec. 15.

It is announced that the Government might allow the Admiral Graf Spee to remain in harbour as long as necessary to make repairs.—Reuter.

Anxious To Leave

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.

The British Naval Attaché announced last night that the Exeter which was damaged in the battle was steaming away.

A Montevideo report states that the Ajax was superficially damaged. The Achilles was unscathed.

Despite the refusal of the dockyard workers to effect repairs, it is believed that the Admiral Graf Spee is most anxious to leave Montevideo at the earliest possible moment.—Reuter.

German Dead Buried

Montevideo, Dec. 15.

A common grave dug in the North Cemetery received the shattered bodies of 36 German sailors from the Admiral Graf Spee, while across the River Plate estuary the Exeter steamed slowly towards the naval base of Puerto Beltrano carrying an estimated 100 wounded and an unknown number of dead.

It is reported that the cruiser Cumberland and other units which have reinforced the Ajax and Achilles off Montevideo are guarding against any sudden flight of the Admiral Graf Spee.

It is reported from Capetown that the battle cruiser Renown and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal departed on December 4 and might be approaching the scene.

The Government of Uruguay has been studying the question of the Admiral Graf Spee's status.

The Foreign Minister stated to-day that no decision has been reached yet.—United Press.

British Offer Refused

Montevideo, Dec. 15.

The British Embassy has issued a statement to the effect that the battleship Barham did not take part in the battle.

The British authorities offered the German Minister to bury the 36 German dead but the Minister refused the offer.—Reuter Special.

Views Being Exchanged

London, Dec. 15.

It is learned that views are being exchanged between the British and Uruguayan Governments regarding the Admiral Graf Spee now lying in Uruguayan waters.

It is noted that the Uruguayan Government in proclaiming its neutrality on September 5 stated it would follow the provisions of the Hague Convention of 1907.

The British Minister to Uruguay has been asked to convey the thanks of the British Government to the prompt action in obtaining the freedom of the merchant seamen held by the Admiral Graf Spee.—Reuter.

French Presses

Paris, Dec. 15.

M. Camille, Minister of Marine, states, "This marvellous victory is completely in line with British naval tradition. The Admiral Graf Spee had every advantage in armour and calibre but had to run to a neutral port of escape."—United Press.

Saw Sea Battle

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.

An account of how the battle with the Admiral Graf Spee began was given by passengers aboard the French liner Formose.

One passenger related that at 6 p.m. on Wednesday when the liner was off the Uruguayan coast she

it was too dark to see the damage. An official German communiqué admits the attack.—Reuter Bulletin.

British Plane's Aid

Oslo, Dec. 15.

It is revealed that a British plane was responsible for the rescue of four German airmen whose machine came down in the North Sea last week.

The British pilot signalled to the Norwegian steamer Bruse, which altered course and rescued them.—Reuter Special.

Triumph For British Seamanship

London, Dec. 15.

This morning's newspapers hail the naval victory.

Commentators declare that the battle has proved that the "pocket battleships" are not so powerful or well-designed as was believed.

The British cruisers must have been skillfully handled, however, to avoid serious damage from the Nazi cruiser's 11-inch guns.

The Times: "The notable difference of the greater by the lesser armament can only be explained by the outstanding superiority of the seamanship and gunnery of the British ships."

The Daily Telegraph: "The 'pocket battleships' were designed to dispose of the light cruiser, but the event was the opposite intended."

The Evening News congratulates the Royal Navy and says that the cornering of one pocket battleship is an omen that the turn of the other two will come.

The Evening Standard: "It must be admitted that in the past three months the British people have had to accept much that is bitter in the war at sea, but we have the assurance that one factor in our naval supremacy remains unchanged."

Montevideo, Dec. 15.

A British reinforced squadron of three warships is patrolling the mouth of the River Plate outside Montevideo where the Admiral Graf Spee is expected to remain until Sunday at least.

It is announced that the Government might allow her to remain as long as necessary in order to effect repairs. The same facility would be granted the British warships.

British Public Pleased

London, Dec. 15.

The cornering of the Admiral Graf Spee has stirred Britain more than any other exploit of the British forces since the start of the war.

The sinking of the Royal Oak in the stronghold at Scapa Flow, the escape of the liner, Devonport, together with the lack of spectacular fighting on the Western Front has created a feeling of bewilderment and disappointment in the public mind, but the fact that the cruisers have done battle with the enemy and raised the prestige of the Navy and raised popular enthusiasm.

The only three warships of the British Navy more powerful in armament and of greater speed than the Admiral Graf Spee are the battle cruisers Hood, Renown and Repulse. Therefore the success of the cornering in bottling up a pocket battleship is considered in naval circles as a brilliant individual achievement. It is pointed out that a craft lighter in armour and guns pressed the circumstances definitely favoured the battleship.

It is considered that the battleship is definitely and permanently out of action. The Navy is certain that it will not survive attempts to leave territorial waters. Therefore it is believed that the sooner or later she will be forced to submit to internment.

The cornering of the Admiral Graf Spee has assuaged the unhappiness caused by the loss of the destroyer Duchess.—United Press.

New Zealand Elated

Wellington, Dec. 15.

New Zealand is elated at the part played by the Achilles in the Atlantic battle.

The Governor-General has sent a message to the Secretary of State for the Dominions congratulating the Captain and all ranks for the heroic part they played in the defeat of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, stated that the battle would take a notable place in the glorious annals of British naval history. He congratulated on behalf of the Government and people the Captain and crew which included 327 New Zealanders.

"It is gratifying that in the first naval action our boys acquitted themselves in a manner fully in keeping with the great traditions of the British Navy," the Premier added.—Reuter Bulletin.

Control Of The Seas

New York, Dec. 15.

The New York Daily News says that the victory shows that the British are holding their unbreakable control of the sea, which means the Allies can eventually starve Germany into submission.

Hitler would be wise to begin thinking another peace offer.—Reuter Bulletin.

Ends Neutral Zone

London, Dec. 15.

The New York Times says the final discovery of the Admiral Graf Spee after weeks of search and the harassing tactics which forced her into port must be counted as a major victory for the British.

The British success was achieved through those qualities for which the Silent Service has long been famous—skilful seamanship and dogged courage.

The pocket battleship, although ingenious in construction, is plainly not the final answer to everything. The chief political interest in the affair is the completeness with which it blows up the 300 miles' neutral

Volunteers For Royal Navy

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Empire's first contingent of men to join the Royal Navy, consisting of nearly 200 fishermen, all bachelors, from Belle Isle, Newfoundland, was given an official welcome at Liverpool to-day.

The men, whose ages range from 18 to 24, are the first of 625 volunteers who will be engaged in minesweeping operations.

The fathers of some of the men served in the army in the last war.

Lord Derby in the name of the King, welcomed the "splendid body of men who had come to help their Empire in the great struggle."

FINNS RETREAT

Helsinki, Dec. 14.

Finnish troops "almost destroyed" three Soviet regiments and re-captured Tolpivkari and areas on the eastern and central fronts. The Finns say that the Soviets used gas in last Wednesday's fighting at Sub-mesala on the central front. North of Lake Ladoga in the Tolpivkari area, a bitter three-day battle resulted in victory for the attacking Finnish troops, who destroyed 11 Russian tanks, a Russian artillery battery and drove off Russian naval forces.

It said the Finns succeeded in attaining all their objectives last Wednesday.

On the eastern frontier, "abortive enemy attacks continue."

It is noteworthy that all statements in the communiqué referred only to Wednesday's fighting.—United Press.

Soviet Claims Advances

Moscow, Dec. 15.

A communiqué from the headquarters of the Leningrad military area states that Soviet troops continued their advance in the direction of Murmansk yesterday.

An advance of 117 kilometres west of the State frontier was made in the direction of Ukhla.

Soviet troops advancing in the direction of Petrozavodsk occupied Shushkuparvi, Sulkilampi and Hippola.—United Press.

Russian Drive Slows Up

Bergen, Dec. 15.

It is stated by telephone from Svanvik, only three kilometres from Salmiparvi, that all was quiet at dawn despite the expectation that fighting will be resumed.

Fighting ceased at 12.30 a.m., leading to the belief that the Russians have left Salmiparvi, which is in ruins and ashes, in order to get rest and shelter for the troops.

No Finnish refugees have tried to cross the Norwegian border. Norwegian officers and soldiers are sharply watching the whole border but no Soviet soldiers have been seen so far.

Hold On Karelia Border

Helsinki, Dec. 15.

A correspondent with the Finnish army on Karelian Isthmus reports that the Finns have smashed the Russian offensive in eight days of savage fighting without loss of a foot of ground and have broken up the movement designed to flank the Mannerheim Line on the east side of the Peninsula.

To-day the Finns are calmly and confidently awaiting the next move on the front which is a few miles long and where the Russians made an effort to cross the river, 200 yards wide. "I am watching by periscope and they are still on their own side," says the correspondent.

Both sides lost heavily. It is estimated that the Russians lost up to 2,000 men and the number of wounded is not known. The Finnish losses were astonishingly low but proportionately they were heavy.

On the Karelian front three, six and eight-inch Russian shells were sent over. Three out of four exploded and the fourth was a dud. The Finns say the Russians are wasting ammunition. They want to know whether the Russians will make another attack after the grim and strange fight in which the world's smallest submarine with a crew of a dozen Finns operated in the largest lake in Europe, Lake Ladoga, against Russian gunboats on an Arctic temperature night.—United Press.

zone (off the North, South and South American coasts)—that singular product of the Pan-American Conference.—Reuter Special.

Hence Hitler's wishes to get the Bismarck and von Tirpitz into commission in record time.—Reuter.

A Signal Triumph

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.

Nothing is yet revealed in Berlin about the plans for the Graf Spee.

An urgent exchange of questions and instructions was proceeding in code between Berlin and Montevideo all yesterday and most of last night.

The German authorities have been examining reports sent by the warship's Captain and the German Legation, but hitherto it has not been known what decision has been taken.

In any case, it is not believed the Graf Spee is in a fit state to fight her way out of the harbour with any chance of reaching Germany safely.

The whole incident is still regarded in Germany as a very signal triumph and it is argued the pocket battleship has proved a perfect weapon for prowling the seas and harrying merchant vessels.

Two Berlin correspondents of the Rotterdam Schie Courant think Germany's shipbuilding programme may be altered accordingly, however.—Reuter.

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NEW CHINA REGIME

Premier Explains Delay In Its Organisation

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Speaking at a joint conference between the Government and the leaders of the Central League of National Spiritual General Mobilisation, the Premier, General Abe, on Thursday declared that although the inauguration of a new Central Government in China will be delayed it is not due to any important question and the new regime will come into force as an accomplished fact.

General Abe pointed out that there may be some who think that the China Affair will come to an end with the establishment of the new Central Government but that the establishment of a new regime will mark only a point in the proposed disposal of the China Affair which will be continued for a long time.

The China Affairs Committee attached to the China Affairs Board met at the official residence of the Premier this afternoon to discuss the latest developments in China and the progress of the proposed organisation of a new Central Government in China by Wang Ching-wel.—Domel.



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AXE FALLS ON HEROES' BEER

DISABLED soldiers at the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey, are to lose their daily half-pint of beer at lunch. They may have beer on Sundays only now. By way of compensation, their petrol ration for their motor invalid chairs is to be increased from two to three gallons a month—if they need it.

Lindbergh Snubbed

INFLUENTIAL Americans are still flocking forward to underline the fact that Col. Lindbergh has no right to speak for the United States. Senator Prentiss M. Brown, the latest of these, said in a speech at Washington:

"Lindbergh's references to Canada in attacking the Neutrality Act revision are a gratuitous insult. I'd have the world know he did not speak for America."

Lindbergh, said the Senator, had suggested that Canada must cut the last tie between herself and the Mother-country.

"I condemn his remarks because they lead encouragement to the spirit of nationalistic imperialism, which is the poison that has killed peace."

Senator Barbour, another speaker in the Senate, said:

"An attack on Canada would violate the Monroe Doctrine and force us into war. We must defend Canada."

"If we do not stop Hitler now, he will conquer Europe, and we shall be the next," said Senator Johnson.

R. A. F. Man's "Honourable" Death

The father of Aircraftman Stanley Clifton St. Swithin Rolfe, aged 22, who died on November 16, was told by the coroner at the inquest at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, recently, "Your son died just as honourable a death as if he had been serving on active service in France."

Details of Rolfe's death were not given, and the inquest was adjourned for the result of an analysis. The father, Mr. Clifton George Rolfe, of Kemminghall, Norwich, said that his son had been in the R.A.F. for two and a half years and seemed in excellent health when home on leave six weeks ago.

That half-pint at lunch-time is going to be missed, but the ex-soldiers—they call themselves the "Flying Squad"—are delighted about the petrol. They will be able to extend their daily drives.

Several of them are ex-R.A.F. pilots. Sometimes they go as far as Dorset in an afternoon. They have a favourite tea stop on Box Hill.

They can travel at 20 miles an hour, and average about 100 miles to the gallon.

Only one of them, so far, has asked for more than the two-gallon a month petrol allowance. He is the youngest of them, Lionel Dudley, Editor of the Home's magazine.

50 MILES A DAY

Ex-pilot Dudley regularly does 50 miles a day in fair weather. He has driven home to Kidderminster in one day to see his family.

He has asked for three gallons a month "to exercise" himself.

Two of the "Flying Squad," Billy Foster and Herbert Goodman, are expert mechanics. They have made their own motor-chairs to their own designs. Between them they keep the rest of the "buses" in trim.

"We are still waiting for them to fix wings on them for us," says Dudley.

Each of the men has his own war map. They follow this second war with Germany with pins now, not bayonets.

They say they would much rather be "doing our bit." But they can't. That is why they will not grumble even about their beer—much.

Pebbles For Sandbags

SHINGLE, which the Oxford Dictionary defines as "small rounded pebbles lying on the sea shore," is officially classified as among the best material for filling sandbags.

This is the Ministry of Home Security's reply to criticism at Hove (Sussex) that pebble-filled sandbags would become "shrapnel" in an air-raid.

AIR WAR DEFENCE IN FILM

ALEXANDER KORDA'S "hush-hush" film, "The Lion Has Wings," which has been shown secretly to Sir Kingsley Wood (Secretary for Air) and Ministry of Information officials, is chiefly concerned with—

An attack on the Hitler regime, which is contrasted with the freedom of the democracies;

A reconstruction of the Kiel raid;

A pictorial explanation of how Britain's defence forces detect and repulse a Nazi air raid.

The first part of the film includes several newsreel shots of Hitler in his most bombastic moods, and the commentary is a condemnation of the policy of force against reason.

Actors in the reconstruction of the Kiel raid include some of the men who took part in the raid.

The last part of the film shows how the various commands in the north, east, and south of Britain deal with an enemy air raid, and how their systems of defence are inter-linked.

British fighters and anti-aircraft guns are shown in action against the enemy planes.

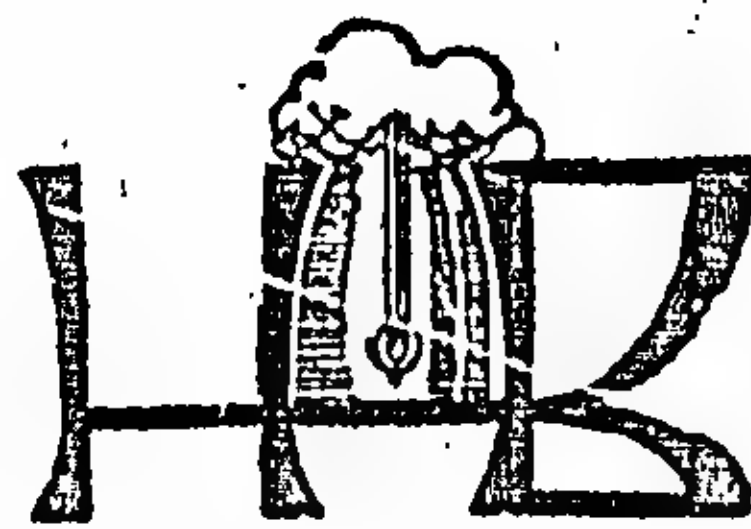
Ralph Richardson plays the part of a man in command of a defence section, and Merle Oberon, who plays the part of his wife, makes one appearance as a Red Cross nurse.

FIANCEE OF PILOT

June Duprez is the fiancée of one of the pilots taking part in the air battles.

But the professional actors are of little account compared with the men and machines who show the power of British air defence in the climax of the film—scenes more thrilling than any yet devised by Hollywood studios.

"The Lion Has Wings," which runs for just over an hour, will soon be shown in British, Dominion, and many foreign cinemas.



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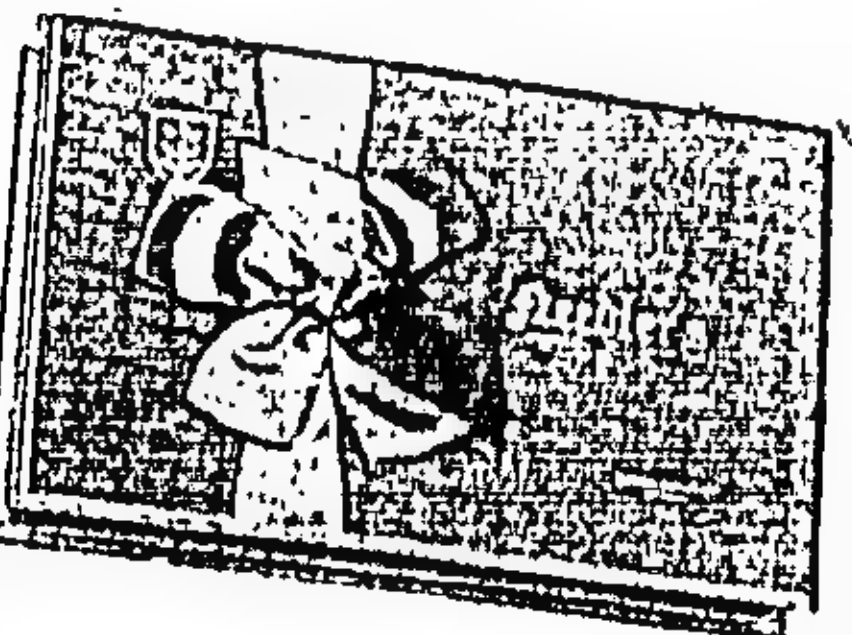
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Construction Of Teams Centres Around The Intermediate Line

(By "Rex")

WHILE WATCHING a well-balanced forward line sweeping into attack, and, perhaps, scoring, the work of the half-backs, who are often the ones most responsible for the goals, is overshadowed. The inside-forwards are also to be mentioned, but I shall deal with them at another time.

Pondering on the casual way in which most people speak of what teams should be—a goal-scoring centre-forward and a good pair of inside men as the mainstay of the team—it seems that not enough thought is given to the half-backs.

There is a much used phrase that has made its impression, and that is: "Show me your half-back line, and I will tell you what your whole team is like."

Around them is the construction of your team. Do not underestimate the importance of the middle line. I feel that many will agree that the local Chinese owe much of their success to their strong intermediates, who are not only good defenders, but are skilled attackers as well.

Certainly, in these days, so far as the centre-half is concerned, one frequently hears that in most teams he is merely a stopper. And when the words "merely a stopper" are used, there is a touch of contempt, or, at any rate, a suggestion that one does not have to be a really good footballer to render his side full service in that position to-day. All that seems to be required is a big strong chap to block the way to goal, to shoo the opposing centre-forward, and see that he does not score.

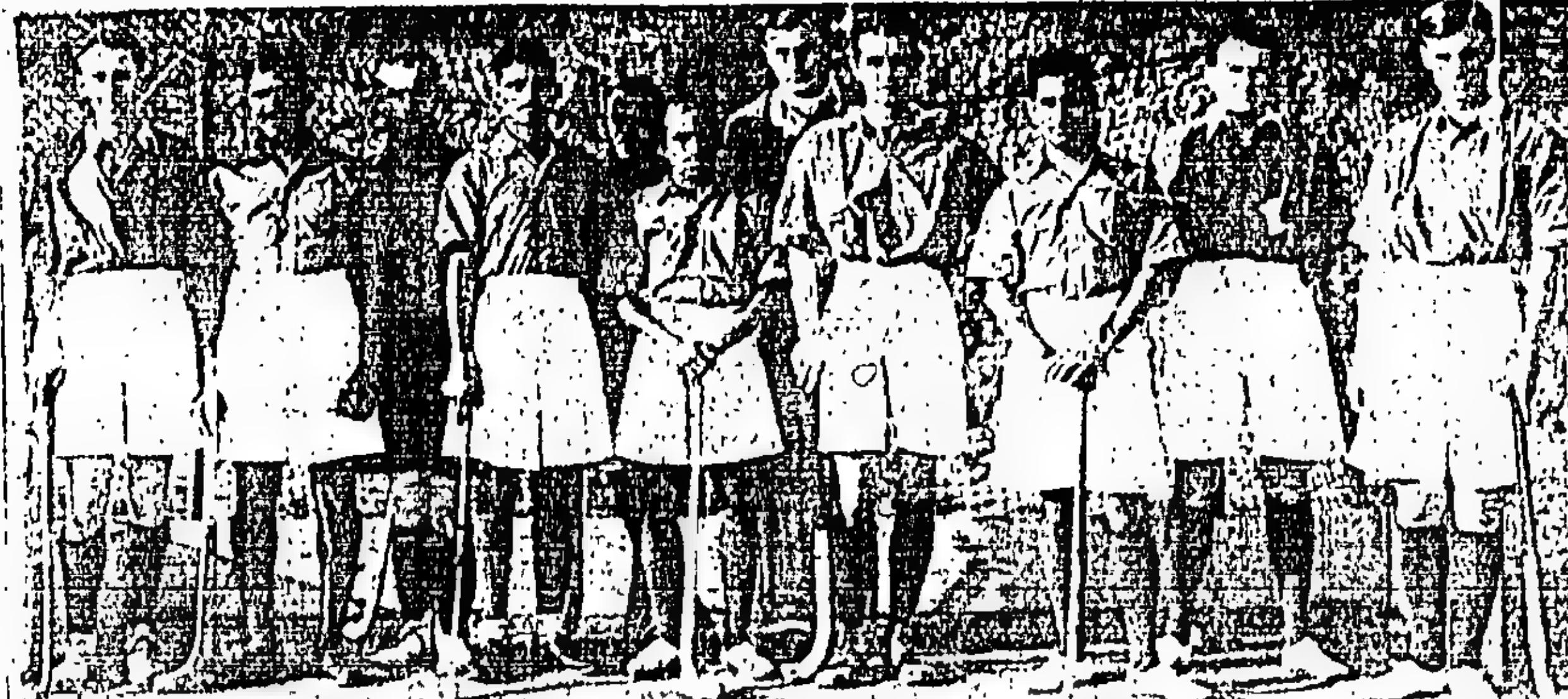
In a few words, it is a suggestion that the player who was formerly known as the pivot, being now, in most teams, something of a third back, has an easy job which can be undertaken by almost anybody.

FOOTBALL will be done an ill service if the idea takes root that the half-backs are of lesser importance. The very nature of their position—and I am now thinking of the middle-men as a trio, not as individuals—renders their job important. They are the connecting links; they are the fellows who play in both defence and attack, and the ideal intermediate trio must still regard themselves as not only half-backs but half-forwards, too.

Perhaps, only those who have played both forward and full-back can appreciate fully what a strong half-back line can do for the remainder of the team.

IT is yet possible for the centre-half, even if adopting the third-back role, to be of value and assistance to the men in front of him. He should get the ball often, and having got it, send it out to his wing forwards with long sweeping passes. Or, if the right or left halves are in position, he may start an attack through them.

And that brings me to another important phase of half-back play. It can be suggested that the greater concentration of the centre-half on defence, the more necessary is it for the wing-halves to be half-forwards. There must be real footballers in the wing-half positions.



Tournament Rugby

Army-Navy Match At Sookunpoo To-day

KEEN STRUGGLE ANTICIPATED BETWEEN CLUB AND POLICE

(By "Fly Half")

THIS AFTERNOON on the Army ground at Sookunpoo, two very close games of rugby football will be seen. The Club will meet the Police at 2.45 p.m. and the Army-Navy T.T. match will commence at 4 p.m.

To date, the Police have not been defeated by a Club side, and this afternoon's game is the first one in which Club will have fielded a representative side. The Club team may look strange on paper, but is, nevertheless, a very strong one, as it contains all the players, who have been shining either in the "A" team or the 1st XV, together with men who are to be considered doubtful in XV players in view of the reorganised pack which will have to be when Taylor comes back.

The Police have, this season, beaten Club at forward, and it seems that Club have had this in view when they picked their side. The front row of Heasman, Salter and Stout against Wheeler, Cullinan and Searle, suggests a Club superiority in the light scrums. In the loose, Club will have to rely on Deane and Taylor. The Club halves, Henderson and Thomson, are young and very active, and if these two combine well they have the beating of the Police pair. Leslie, the Police stand-off half, is similar in play to Thomson, and is also on the light side.

POLICE CHANGES

POLICE seemingly have thought Fay more valuable inside three than a stand-off half. It is doubtful whether Leslie has the same kicking powers as Fay. Jackson, an inside-three, is to be played at wing forward, where he should be very useful. Taylor is moved up from full back to his old position on the wing, allowing Wall to revert to his proved position.

This match should be a keen one with Club managing to win, if they have the good fortune to convert or kick penalty goals.

THE NAVY-ARMY T.T. match this afternoon is very important. Both teams are feeling stronger

XV's than they have of late, and it looks as if it will be a struggle between Army forwards and Navy backs. This might in some way explain Boe's absence.

The Army are to try out a new scrum half in Lt. May, of the Durhams, and no doubt great interest will centre round his play. It is unfortunate for Army that Lt. Risdale, their very active forward, is not to play owing to illness. His absence will be somewhat compensated for by the return of Culbertson.

Navy are to play Bowden, who gave such a splendid display last week on the wing outside to Paul, and Lt. Bax, last week's full back, at wing three-quarters. The return of Fay L. Stevens would stiffen up Navy's defence. Kennedy, who generally plays on the wing, is to be given a trial at stand-off half. Navy have not made to date a final choice of forwards, and they have notified eleven players.

Club—F. M. Thompson; H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter; M. G. Garthwaite; E. M. Laville; J. M. Thomson and J. R. Henderson; E. W. Stout; K. W. Salter; R. A. Heasman; E. A. Bompas; A. M. Kennedy; B. O'M. Deane; A. J. G. Taylor and J. S. Dunnatt.

Finn Athletes At The Front

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14 (UP).—The National Tidende estimates that 90 per cent. of Finland's best athletes, including many former Olympic stars as well as those who would probably have participated in the 1940 Games, are already under arms. It says that Gunner Soeckert, winner of the 5,000 metres run, is at the Lake Ladoga front.

Talsto Maeki, who recently established several world records, is also at the front as a soldier, and Paavo Nurmi is in an air defence organisation.

Football In Macao

Further proof of the popularity of football in Macao, can be seen in the laying out of a football ground in the island of Taipa. The first game was played between the Taipa Sporting Club and Tehen Va Football Club, the former team winning 4-0. The game was witnessed by many of the population of the island, one of the insular dependencies of Macao. Our Own Correspondent.

Teams which took part in the charity hockey match last Sunday: Combined Services.—S. Gemmell, Datta Ram, Sgt. Crowley, Shah Wall, Nerrain Singh, Parlaub Singh, Lt. Balnes R.N., Lt. Cdr. Corrie Hill (R.N.), Lt. Pritam Nath, Lt. Mars and Lt. G. W. Hook. Civilians.—Gurbachan Singh, Prerna Singh, W. Brown, S. A. Fowler, V. M. Benwell, W. A. Reed, V. C. Bond, J. Goncalves, N. B. Whitley, J. A. Soares. (E. Fowler absent). —Ming Yuen.

Dempsey Arriving In Hongkong On Short Visit

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UP).—Jack Dempsey, the famous heavyweight champion of the world, will arrive in Hongkong on the China Clipper on Monday at 2.30 p.m. He will leave by the same plane the following day for Manila, where he is to referee the middleweight fight between Glen Lee and Garcia.

Cricket

Governor To Play For Club Against Kowloon

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will play cricket to-morrow when he will take part in a match at K.C.C. between Hongkong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club members over 45 years of age. Captain of the Kowloon team will be the Puisse Judge, Mr. R. E. Linsell.

Players will take tiffin in the Club-house at 1 p.m. and will start the game at 2.15. The teams are:

Kowloon.—R. E. Linsell, E. Abraham, F. E. Nash, W. Nash, C. F. Green, W. M. Parsons, A. H. Martin, J. Fraser, S. Jex, T. G. Stokes, W. H. Hobbs.

Umpire, J. P. Robinson. Scorer, F. Goodwin.

Club.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), G. McLeod, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, C. Baker, R. J. Gillespie, J. D. Humphreys, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. C. Stark, R. S. W. Paterson, S. A. Redmond, G. S. Lovett. Umpire, E. W. Hamilton.

Badminton

CHINESE "Y" TROUNCE CHUNG WAH

Playing at the Talkoo Recreation Club last night, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Chung Wah in the "A" Division of the League by nine sets to nil. The scores were:

C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat P. C. Leung and S. C. Leung 21-4; beat C. F. Chiu and K. F. Chiu 21-10; beat F. F. Li and W. C. Choy 24-10.

P. M. Wong and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y") beat Leung and Leung 21-11; beat Chiu and Chiu 21-17; beat Li and Choy 21-0.

T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat Leung and Leung 21-14; beat Chiu and Chiu 21-2; beat Li and Choy 21-0.

For Our Junior Readers

DRIBBLING the BALL

by the SOCCER COACH



SOME players are tempted to use dribbling as a chance for exhibiting fancy tricks. A great mistake, for dribbling is needed most of all at a time when fancy work would land the player in trouble.

Dribbling almost invariably precedes a pass and aims at deceiving the opposition as to the nature and direction of the pass. There is little excuse for dribbling in the open.

Clever footwork aims at upsetting nearby opposing players. It cannot cause a player at a distance to fall very badly out of position.

One essential in dribbling is that the player in possession should never lose control of or contact with the ball. For this reason he must keep the ball close to his feet.

Using Either Foot Forward progression should be maintained, not by kicking well ahead, but by a series of light, short taps from one foot to the other, usually with the inside of the foot. The ball should never be more than about four feet ahead of the player.

While the cleverest of players have shown magnificent footwork, it is not this alone which makes a success of dribbling. Remember that the opposition are influenced more by the actions of the player in possession of the ball than by the actual position of the ball.

In planning to anticipate his next move they cannot rely on the ball for guidance. They watch the player and decide by his actions just where he intends to go or where he intends to pass the ball.

Thus the player who expects to get the most out of his dribbling skill must

learn to control his body, not only so as to be able to control the ball, but also so that he may be able to deceive the opposition.

By a clever awaying of the body a player may convey the impression that he is going in the direction in which he is leaning, but a little bit of practice will show that the difficulties are not insurmountable.

One thing to guard against in using the outside of the foot is a natural tendency to kick the ball outwards instead of forward.

Opponents Bluffed Keep the others guessing. It is something the successful dribbler always has in mind. And you will find there are many ways of doing it, ways that are invented on the spur of the moment.

Equal ability in each foot is another essential, and the ability to dribble with the outside as well as the inside. Naturally the dribble with the outside of the foot is much more difficult than with the inside, but a little bit of practice will show that the difficulties are not insurmountable.

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"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

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Confusion Bay
Eve of Harvest
Hectic View

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP

Pumpnickel
Brutus
Macquarie River

DILATORY HANDICAP

Smiling Time
Matador
Gog

HONGKONG SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

King Kong
Musketeer
Strathbannock

TARDY HANDICAP

Mr. Encarnacao's mount
New Star
Humdrum Eve

QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Lancashire Chips
Baffin Bay
Triumphant Day

LAST CHANCE HANDICAP

Dawn Star
National Pride
Rosa Flama

FINALE HANDICAP

Plet Hein
Night View
Gold Coin

DAILY DOUBLE EVENT

Mr. Encarnacao's mount
Dawn Star

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Hectic View

2nd Race

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3rd Race

Matador
Smiling Time
Gog

4th Race

King Kong
Musketeer
Celtic Star

5th Race

New Star
Potentate
Humdrum Eve

6th Race

Lancashire Chips
Courting Eve
Baffin Bay

7th Race

Boat Bay
Galveston Bay
Tampa Bay

8th Race

Gold Coin
Plet Hein
Night View

Daily Double

New Star & Boat Bay



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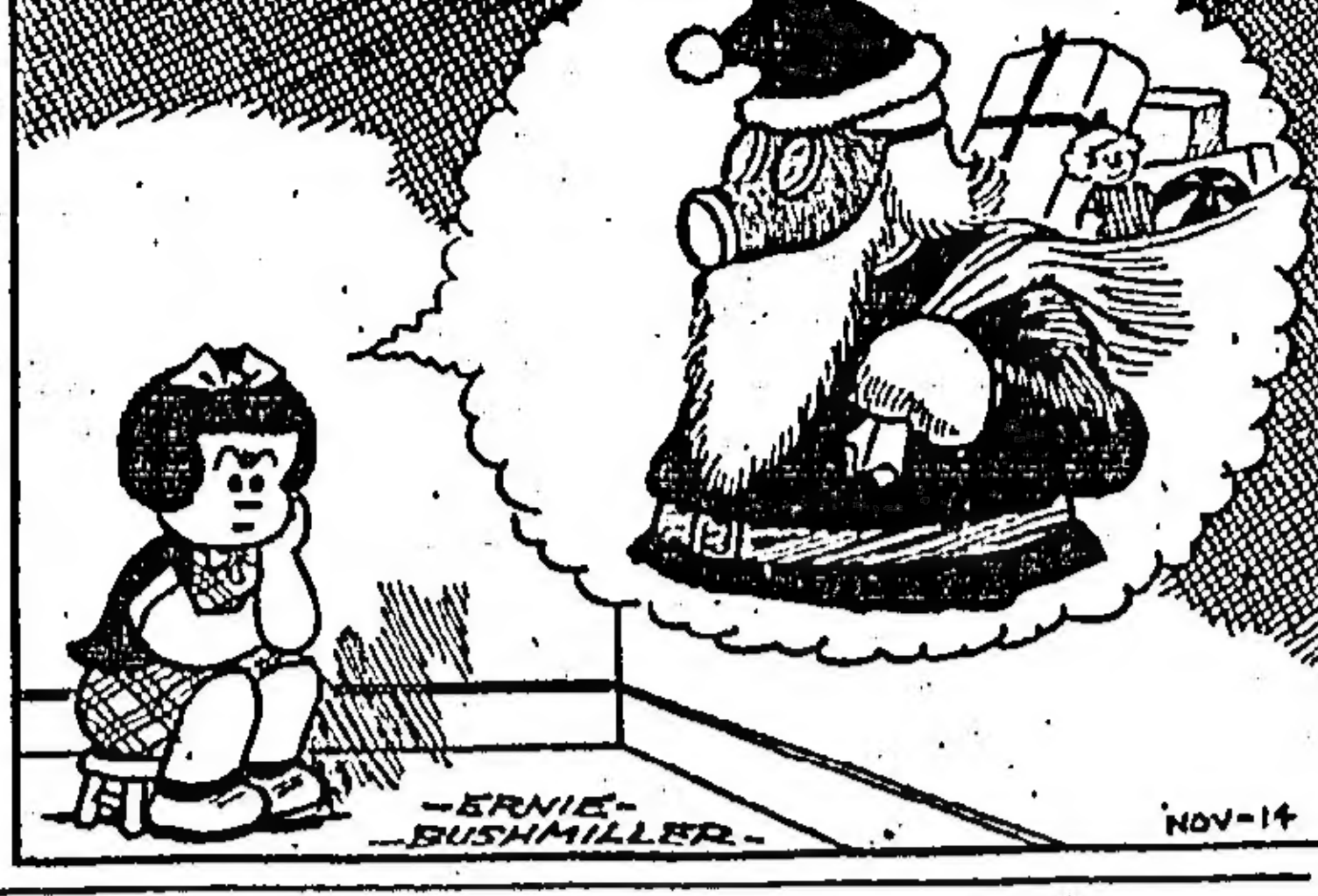
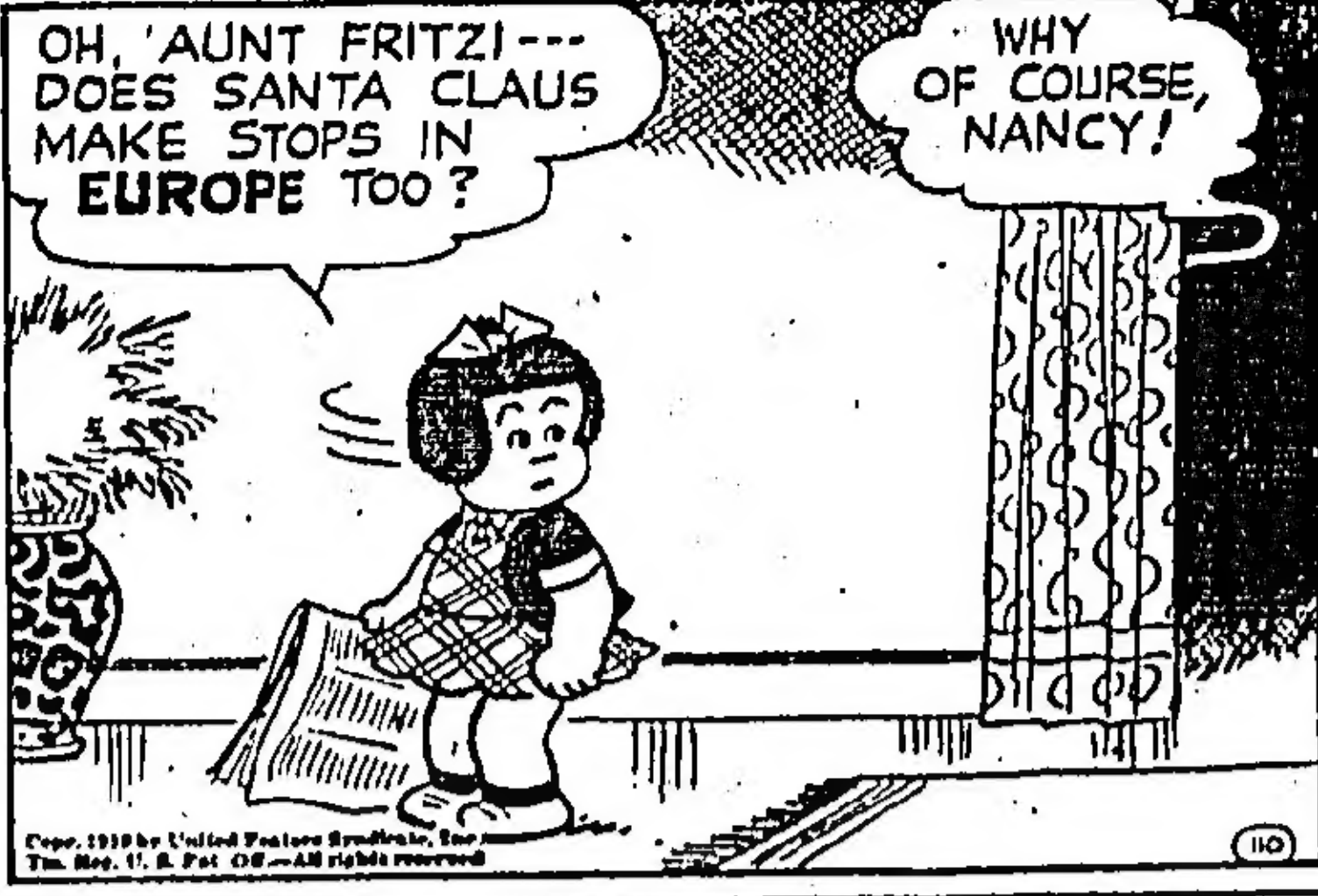
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CRUELTY TO BIRDS

Government Acts To Stop Evil

Further regulations governing the conducting of Bird Shops in Hongkong are announced in to-day's "Gazette". They provide that a licence issued by the Urban Council is necessary in order to carry on any such bird shop, and that the holder of the licence shall during business hours be in attendance at the licensed premises, and shall not be absent himself therefrom for more than one month without the written permission of the Chairman of the Urban Council.

It is stated that the licence fee is five dollars, renewable annually on January 1.

No animal may be kept on the premises except those specifically provided for in the licence.

Bird shops may not be opened above the ground floor level or in premises which are in addition used for other forms of business.

Must Have Concrete Floors
It is further provided that the ground surface of every bird shop shall be paved with a layer of not less than six inches of good lime concrete, or not less than three inches of cement-concrete, with a smooth surface. The walls must be surfaced to a height of ten feet or to the ceiling, if it is less than ten feet from the ground. This must be done with cement-mortar, rendered smooth, or with any other such non-absorbent material as the Urban Council may approve.

Unless the front part of a bird shop is kept clear and unobstructed, it shall be provided with a window or windows, the area of which shall be equal to at least one-tenth of the area of the floor of the bird shop or room. At least one-half of the window area shall be capable of being opened to the external air.

Every cage and receptacle containing birds shall have an open barred front and the area of the framework and bars shall not exceed one third of the total area of the front.

Size Of Cages
No such cage or receptacle used for the confinement of any animal (not being a winged animal or a reptile or insect) shall be permitted unless it is of sufficient size to enable every animal confined therein to stand erect, or to lie down at full length.

No winged animals may be kept in a cage unless it contains sufficient perches for the accommodation of all the occupants when standing erect.

In the case of winged animals or other animals not accustomed to standing on perches, the cage must be of sufficient size to enable the animals to stand erect on the floor.

In either case the cage must be of sufficient size to enable the occupant to stretch its wings to the fullest extent.

Every bird shop must have a good supply of clean potable water for the use of the animals.

The bird shop and the cages must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and free from vermin.

The floor and walls of the bird shop must be cleaned at least once a day, and the same condition applies to cages and receptacles.

The inside walls and the ceiling of the shop shall be lime-washed at least once in every three months.

These regulations come into force on January 1, 1940.

UNEMPLOYED TO BUILD DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERNE, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Swiss unemployed are to help to build fortifications.

The Federal Council has issued a decree whereby unemployed between the ages of 19 and 60 fitted for manual labour, must hold themselves at the disposal of the authorities for work on military constructions.

S. Africa Interns More Nazis

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced that 80 more Germans have been interned in South Africa, including Dr. Anton Obholzer, a professor of the University of Stellenbosch.

The Colonial Police Medal has been awarded to Chief Inspector Frederick Edward Evelyn Booker, of the Hongkong Police, and Superintendent Jack Cooper Fitz-Henry, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, for conspicuous gallantry.

Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg has been appointed Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands in the Colony.

THE SPIRIT OF BRITAIN'S YOUNG PILOTS

By RONALD WALKER
The Air Correspondent

SINCE the war began there has been set in motion at full speed behind the active front line of the Royal Air Force a machine-like organisation.

This machine, allied to the accelerated aircraft industry, which is producing aeroplanes in very large numbers, is turning young men into pilots with a drive which is relentless and unceasing.

It says much for the young men that they come through this grilling routine not only efficient pilots, but smiling.

I have already written about the initial training wings, where the raw material of the new wartime air force is given its first shaping before being sent to learn to fly at an elementary training school. To-day I visited a Service flying training school where the young pilots undergo their third and final stage of training.

KEEPING UP THE PACE
By a coincidence, it was the school where my brother gained his wings in the now surprisingly carefree pre-war days. In those days it was looked upon as a pilot factory. With rearmament gaining momentum, the training of pilots had been intensified.

This school, somewhere in a very pleasant part of England, was working at pressure when the war came. "We were prepared," a squadron leader in charge of advanced training told me. "Inside three days this school was at war strength."

"New training personnel had arrived; additional aircraft and equipment had been received; the schedules had been overhauled and made faster. We changed into the quicker pace like a car—changing gear."

"It is a hard pace to keep up. It means working day and night, seven days of the week, to go through these phases of teaching the man who has just learned to fly how to use his aeroplane as a weapon of war."

PICKING THE FIGHTERS
"When they come here from the initial stages, we pick 'em, both from our own observations and reports from the first courses. Men who have dash and quick reactions make good fighter pilots. Those with stamina and steady qualities are chosen for the bombers."

At the aerodrome to-day was the most active flying scene I have encountered during this war. The sunny afternoon was filled with the rumble and roar of engines. Aeroplanes dotted the sky.

"WINGS... NEVER WEARY"
Young boys climbed into twin-engine trainers and took off either alone or in formation.

Others hurried away in single-engine fighter trainers.

So it went on all day, flying, flying, flying, while the instructor watched and checked the forced growth of the first war crop of pilots.

When these youngsters are not flying they are at lectures, packing in the technical knowledge needed for flying the modern aeroplane.

RUSSIA TOLD OF EXPULSION

GENEVA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph Avenol, the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has officially notified Russia of the resolution passed, expelling her from the League.

It is understood that members of the financial, economic and health sections of the League are leaving for Paris shortly to assist in the technical co-ordination of assistance for Finland.

Switzerland intimated that the work could not be done in Geneva owing to Switzerland's neutrality.

Thetis Inquiry Ends

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—When the Thetis inquiry concluded to-day, Mr. Justice Bucknill stated that he would submit a report to the proper authorities.

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 15 (UP).—Officials announced that Winnie Ruth Judd, the blonde murderess who escaped from the Phoenix Asylum for the criminal insane last November, has been recaptured.

Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan, remained charged of the Consulate-General on December 8.

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain is now in France to spend some days with the B.E.F.

Mr. Clement R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Leaders of the Labour Opposition, are making a similar visit in the near future.

THE HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS has been appointed a member of the Council of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years, vice Mr. S. Caine, with effect from December 6.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the evening social of the Chinese Australasian Association arranged to take place at 8 Poshan Road to-morrow night, is postponed until further notice.

SAFETY WEAR IS WHITE
By A Special Correspondent
LONDON, Nov. 30.

LATE last night, in the heart of "Darkest" London, I saw how the Men's Wear Council has planned to make the black-out safer.

The slogan "Dress for Success" has been changed to "Dress for Safety."

Mr. A. W. Robbins, chairman of the Hatters' Association, has presided over the Council's discussions on how pedestrians can walk more safely.

The advice is—"Wear something white."

THE SLIP-ON
I demonstrated with a white oil-skin "overcoat."

Sitting in a car, the wearer became visible at from 20 to 25 yards' range. Without it he could not be seen until one was almost on top of the car.

This type of safety wear has been approved by the Council and should retail at about half-a-crown.

Another type in white linen has a haversack or gas-mask holder attachment.

PANAMA TESTS
Other suggestions by the Council are: Slouther shoes and thicker socks, to cope with war-time walking and white collars.

Wearing the favourite old Panama at night is another recommendation which has been successfully tested.

Luminous buttons also seemed a help. But, in brief—Wear Something White.

MORE GIFTS FOR RED CROSS
LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Two further gifts for the British Red Cross Fund have been received.

The uncle of the King of Egypt has sent £1,000 with a letter to Viscount Halifax, in which he says that this is the symbol of his sympathy with the Allied cause.

From the people of Mauritius comes £4,250 to provide comforts for the Allied forces as well as help for the British Red Cross Fund.

WESTERN FRONT

More Violent Action

Nazi Almost Staged A Raid

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Operations on the Western Front are gradually assuming a more violent aspect although they are still limited to encounters of patrols and reconnaissance detachments.

The numbers employed in these encounters are growing greater and the fighting is harder.

In the past 24 hours, two strong German reconnoitring detachments approached our lines at Blies.

Their activity almost reached that of a raid.

In the Vosges district, where the frontier line runs through the forest a long and lively engagement took place between French and German detachments, each of about 30 to 40 men.

Advance Posts In Action

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A communiqué says that there were a few encounters between advanced units in the region immediately west of Vosges.

Japanese Gunboat Reported Sunk

FOWLIANG, Kiangsi, Dec. 16 (Central).—A Japanese gunboat was sunk in the Yangtze River outside Kluikang by Chinese artillery fire on December 12.

The gunboat was steaming up river from Nanking. It was hit by many shells.

The crew of over 100 men were all drowned.

COULD NOT SAVE SON

The reason the fire was confined to the ground floor was the staircase being constructed of concrete, said Mr. G. C. Moss, Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, during an inquiry held by Mr. Macfarlan.

Knox, Magistrate yesterday into the death of a small boy, Li Ka-sun, who was found in the cockpit of No. 13 Pitt Street, after a fire on September 30.

The Jury comprised Messrs. L. Bones (Foreman), E. Eymard and Woo Woon-Idu.

Dr. H. H. Tai said he conducted a post-mortem on the body of a three-year-old boy and found the cause of death was burning.

Mr. Moss said the Fire Brigade was called to an oil shop in Pitt Street about 7.23 p.m. on September 30. The ground floor was alight at the back and front.

It was not until the fire was under control, about 7.45 p.m., that he was informed a child was missing. The boy was found in the cockpit.

He visited the place the next morning, and noticed a strong smell of kerosene. He found fire tins which had contained kerosene.

In answer to a question by Insp. Wright, Mr. Moss said private individuals were allowed to keep on the premises 20 gallons of kerosene (five tins) for their own use without a licence. If there were more than 20 gallons they had to have a licence and a pit or an approved store in the yard.

The flames had spread through the ground floor rapidly, but was confined to the ground floor by the concrete staircases.

Lum Gum, 23, wife of the owner of the oil shop, said she was heating some empty oil tins to prevent any waste, when there was a flash and the tin ignited. The work was being done in the courtyard near the rear cubicle. There were two tins of kerosene a few feet away. She threw the tin away and tried to smother the flames by putting another tin over them. The fire caught the rear door and was spreading to the wooden partitions.

She ran to the cockpit with her husband to save their child, but was prevented by the flames when half-way up the steps. Her husband was seized by the flames which had spread rapidly.

After corroborative evidence had been given by the husband, Lee Hung-leuk, the Jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

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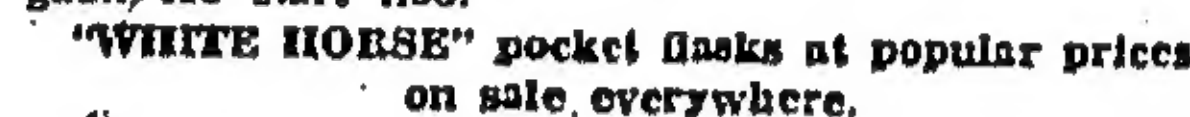
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But the purge became less intense as the months went by and there were reports that Earl had received his orders from the powers behind the throne undeterred by the swarm of investigators.

Credit for instigating the investigations goes to State Senator Noe, aspirant to the Governorship and bitter foe of Earl Long. But Noe himself is an avowed adherent to Huey's methods.

Many wise-cracks are circulating. The Statue of Liberty in the Zizkov Mountains bears an inscription: "We suffered 300 years." A wag has written underneath: "Owing to huge success, prolonged for a few weeks."



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CHURCH NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. T. K. Chiu to Preach At
Mandarin Service

Dec. 17, Advent III—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Preacher: The Vicar.
11 a.m. Mandarin Service. Preacher: Rev. T. K. Chiu of the Church of Christ in China. Preacher: 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Preacher: The Vicar. (Subject, continuing the series of addresses on the life of Jesus).
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 18, 20 & 21—Full Dress rehearsal for the Nativity Play at 8.30 p.m. Choir practice at times arranged.
Wednesday, Dec. 20—A Sacred Concert to be given in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 8.30 p.m. by the combined choirs of the Hop Yat Church and the Christ Church Mandarin Congregation.
Thursday, Dec. 21—St. Thomas, A. & M. Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 22—The "Christmas Mystery" A Nativity Play to be produced in the Church commencing at 8.45 p.m. A telling of the story of the birth of Jesus by people wearing costumes and music sung by a choir. No admission charge but a collection will be taken afterwards.
Saturday, Dec. 23—The Church will be decorated and gifts of flowers, red or white, may be brought to the Church from 9 a.m. to noon.
Christmas Services—Dec. 24—Midnight Choral Eucharist commencing at 11.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop. Dec. 25—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Servicemen's Christmas Dinner
And Party

Services on Sunday, December 17.
Preacher—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandhu.
Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 64. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Sandhu. Hymn No. 500. 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices. Hymn No. 504. Sermon, Hymn No. 500. Benediction.
Evening Service at 7.15 p.m.—Hymn No. 79. Prayer, Hymn No. 509. Lesson, Prayer, Notices. Hymn No. 524. Sermon, Hymn No. 501. Benediction.

Notices for the Week
1. Following the Christmas Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be welcomed.
The Hutchinson Club is meeting on Monday only at 7 p.m. Further meetings will be arranged until the New Year.
The House Committee is meeting at the S. & S. Home on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.
5. Thursday at the S. & S. Home. Servicemen's Christmas Dinner and Party. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by a Grand Concert. Servicemen are the guests of the Home. Civilian friends are invited to join us at 5 p.m. and inclusive.

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Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday in Advent.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Choral Communion and address at 11 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. D. Higgins of the American Episcopal Church.
Evening and Address 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Vicar. The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chatter Room after the evening service, to which all are invited.
Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader Miss W. Robinson.
Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader, Mr. H. Baldwin.

Week Day Notices

Monday, December 18—Fellowship of youth and working party for B.W.O.F. 6 p.m. Medical War Working Party 10 a.m. Teachers' Preparation Class, 7 p.m. The winter Food Relief Committee will be held in the Vicarage at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19—St. Andrew's Church Council Meeting at 8.30 p.m. Fellowship of Youth Church Party in the Hall at 8.45 p.m. Mothers' Union, 3 p.m. Practice 5 p.m. A.I.R. Lecture in the Hall, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20—Medical War Working Party 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Rover Cubes, 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Rover Cubes (at Kowloon) at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon, 5.30 p.m. A.I.R. Lecture, 6 p.m. Full choir Practice, 8.30 p.m. To be in the Chatter Room, 8.45 p.m.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m.

Preacher at both services, Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow.

On the occasion of the Christmas Eve Service, the closing of the Church will be celebrated at the close of Morning Service.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches to-morrow, December 17 will be—"Is the Universe, including Man, evolved by Atomic Forces?" The Golden Text will be—"All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man. Science reveals only one kind, and this one shining ray of light, and governs the universe, including man, in perfect harmony." (Pages 250, 510).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, to Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., No. 1, Mount Vernon Street, near the Public Library, Boston, Mass., close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m.—Sunday School—10 a.m. Testimony Meeting—Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (from Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Wagner's Tannhauser Overture and Excerpts from his Operas—"The Valkyrie," Ride of the Valkyries, "Lohengrin," Prelude, Act 3, London Symphony Orchestra. "Lohengrin," The King's Address, Ivar Anderson (Bass). "Wagner-Liszt," Benno Moisswitsch. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.—Could Be, Kinda Lonesome, The Veleta, St. Bernard Waltz, Tears On My Pillow, The Park Parade, Something Tells Me, I Won't Tell A soul, Applaud Blossom Time.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.5 Light Variety with Gracie Fields, Jesse Crawford, Allynne and Leonard. "The King Steps Out"—The Local Echoes, John Tilley, "The Old Spinning Wheel, My Wishing Song, Jesse Crawford, Fiddle Joe, Poor Me, Poor You, Gracie Fields, Animals On Parade, Macdougall's Farm, Noah's Ark, The Who's Zoo at Whipsnade, Deedle, Waltz, Passepied, Allynne and Leonard.
2.03 Close Down.
2.00 Dvorak—Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Václav Talich.
2.38 Selections from Light Opera—"The King Steps Out"—"Countess Maritza," "The Beggar Student."
2.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra.—English Dance, Cricket Dance, Harmonica Dance, Heart and Soul, Mayfair Merry-Go-Round, Song of the Tree, Sweet William, Love Was Born, Stranger In A Cup of Tea, Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men.
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Ravel—Bolero. The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris, conducted by Maurice Ravel.
8.20 Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor). Ay, Ay, Ay, Adio, Mignon, "Don Pasquale" Serenade.
8.30 London Relay—"Shadow of the Swastika." Fourth Episode of the Life of the Nazi Party.

2.15 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
2.15 London Relay—News Summary.
2.30 Sport Results.
2.32 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
2.40 B.B.C. Recording—"Playing The Game." A Farical Extravaganza by L. du Garde Peach. Music by George Barker. Produced by Charles Brewer.

10.40 Dance Music.
10.40 London Relay—"They too loved Wales." A Welsh pattern of verse, prose and music.
11.00 London Relay—"London Log."
11.15 Dance Music.
12.00 midnight, Close Down.

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8.45 Studio—Talk on "The Modern Bomber."

9.05 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 New Light Symphony Orchestra with Mavis Bennett (Soprano), Melody in F, Romance in E Flat, Pretty Mocking Bird, Down Vauxhall Way, Spring Song, Narcissus, Valley of Laughter, Bird of Love Divine, Spanish Dance, No. 1, Spanish Serenade.

9.35 'Cello Solos by Pablo Casals. Requiem (Cassado), Menuet (Haydn, arr. Platt).

10.00 Organ Music. Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (Bach), Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Fantasia (Lemmens), Grand Chorus in D Major (Gullmark), C. D. Cunningham.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue. Conducted by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Victoria.

10.35 Close Down.



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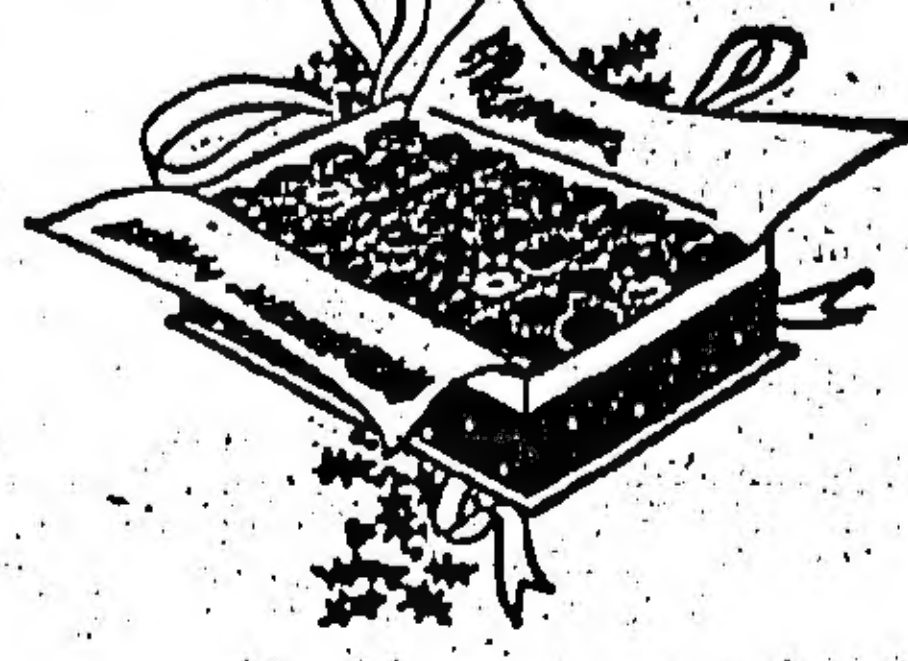
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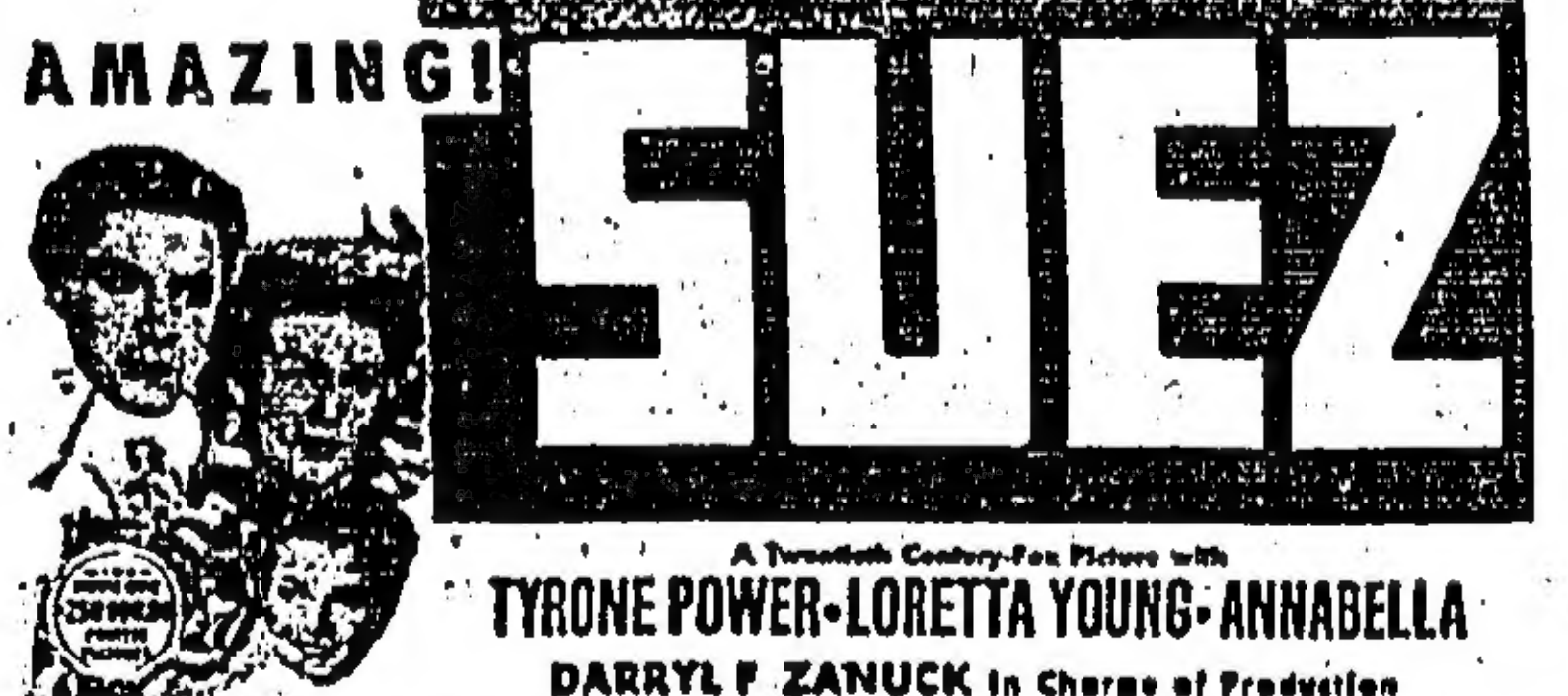
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LATE NEWS

CANNOT ESCAPE

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—If the Admiral Graf Spee ever resumes its depredations on British shipping fifty million Britons will be greatly surprised.

The pride with which they consider the "epic" naval victory has crystallized into great admiration and determination to finish a job well begun and to extend no quarter to the silent raider which has taken a toll of nine British ships, including four sunk without warning.

The usually staid and silent Admiralty spokesman has been comparatively outspoken in an announcement to the effect that the Admiral Graf Spee's blockaders "have been strongly reinforced", indicating that the German ship will never escape from the River Plate. It has been the Admiralty's invariable custom since the outbreak of war not to refer to naval incidents until they have consumed the facts.

The nature of the reinforcements has not been specified, but reports have given the lie to the German reports that H.M.S. Ark Royal has been sunk, when it was revealed that the Ark Royal and H.M.S. Renown have sailed from Cape Town for an un-revealed destination on December 4.

Meanwhile, the legal aspects of the Admiral Graf Spee's visit to Montevideo have occupied Foreign Office experts, and it is still uncertain whether the raider will attempt to run the gauntlet of British sentinels or be interned. In either case Britain's cause will be served.

Naval experts regard Wednesday's battle to be "in the best traditions of the British Navy."

The London press has played up the Montevideo report that Commodore Harwood opened the engagement with the historic signal used by Admiral Nelson at Trafalgar "England Expects Every Man to Do His Duty."

The consensus of London opinion is that the British cruisers made "a really good show."

The Admiral Graf Spee not only outranged the British ships by virtually two miles; one well placed direct hit from the German's 11-inch broadsides would have been sufficient to sink or disable any of the attacking British cruisers. Not only was the Admiral Graf Spee able to pound the British ships long before the latter came within range to return fire, but the Germans 670-pound shells would cause incomparably greater damage than the largest British explosive from the Exeter's 235-pound 8-inch shells.

Naturally, the Admiral Graf Spee concentrated her fire on the Exeter whose guns could do most damage.

Thus, when the Exeter was disabled, the Achilles and Ajax faced even greater odds.

Not only had the British cruisers to face heavier guns all at short range, but their defensive armour was thinner.

The Admiral Graf Spee's 4-inch armour plating on the waterline was increased by longitudinal bulkheads giving one and a half inches additional protection internally. The Exeter's armour varies from two to three inches, while that of the Achilles and Ajax is from three to four inches.

Wednesday's battle has captured the imagination of the average Briton and most of the most spectacular incidents of the war and the chief concern of the man in the street is whether the Admiral Graf Spee will emerge from Montevideo for a "return match" or whether she will be interned.

Germany Closing West Frontiers

BERLIN, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced here that the German frontiers with Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark and Switzerland will be closed except for the normal rail traffic from Monday next between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

It is stated that it is intended to exclude entry into Germany "from the west" of "smugglers, espionage and other riff-raff," who have been abusing "German magnanimity."

Five Messerschmidts Shot Down

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is learned that five Messerschmidts were shot down in the air attack on the German coast yesterday.

It is confirmed that the British losses were only three.

ADMIRAL SCHEER NEAR?

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—South American news dispatches reporting that a second German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, is in the vicinity of the Argentine coast and may seek to create a diversion to permit the escape of the Graf Spee have caused speculation on the possibility of another big naval action.

It seems certain that the Graf Spee will make a bid to escape.

It is stated that a time limit of 72 hours has now been fixed by the Uruguayan Government.

This time limit is said to be the result of a report by the Uruguayan naval authorities, who state that while her armament and superstructure are badly shattered, there is no doubt that she is navigable.

If she could enter Montevideo under full power, she is capable of leaving under full power.

To-day she was taking on supplies of fuel, indicating the intention of her commander to attempt to elude the Allied warships on the watch for her outside.

In addition to the Ajax, Achilles, Barham, Cumberland and two destroyers, the French battleship, Dunkerque, built as an answer to the pocket battleships, is reported to have joined the "death watch," while a London statement says that a British aircraft carrier and battle-cruiser are in close proximity.

It is recalled that only ten days ago, the Ark Royal and Renown were in Cape Town.

Misty weather prevails in the Uruguay coastal area, and there is a possibility that the commander of the Graf Spee may attempt to take advantage of this to steal away.

SECRET SESSION

London, Dec. 15.
A special comment today, the secret session of the Commons says that it is an extension rather than a limitation of the principle of freedom of discussion permitted in war time as in peace time, because it is a source of strength and greater efficiency of the Administration rather than a stifling of criticism.

The Government acceded to the Opposition request in the full knowledge that criticisms would be made, and appreciated the sense of responsibility which prompted the members to seek an opportunity to speak with freedom without providing the enemy with propaganda material.

The session was secret not because of damaging information imparted but because in war time a frank discussion of the problems of supply and service departments relating to conduct of the war is impossible without affording valuable information to the enemy.

The public and Press fully understand the reasons of State prompting their exclusion, namely to safeguard free discussion in war time. There were several precedents in British constitutional practice and the earliest instance was in 1875. During the last war there were five secret sessions in the Commons and one in the Lords.—Reuter.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

London, Dec. 14.
Parliament has adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 16.—Reuter.

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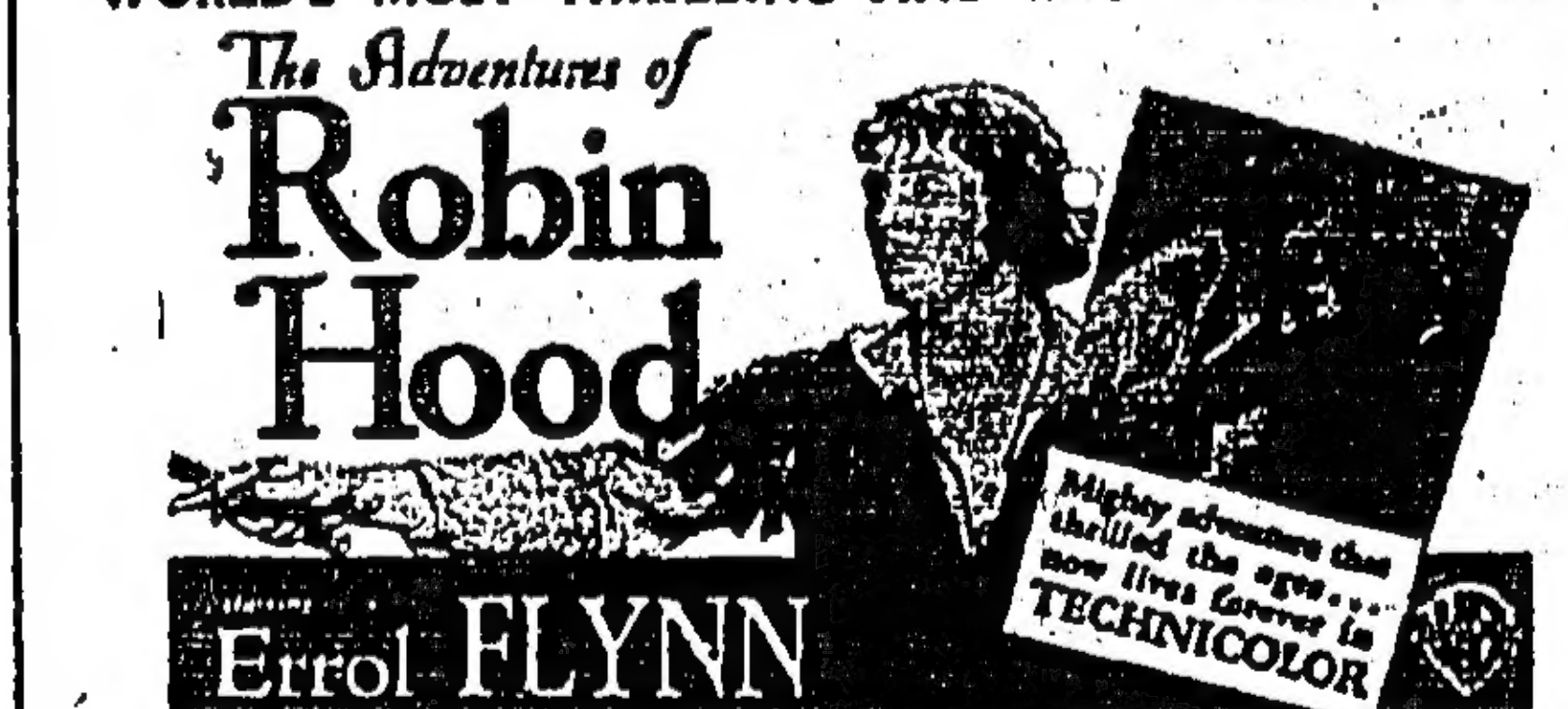
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